

tributions may be sent to Messrs. Barclay and Co., 1, Pall Mall East, S.W.; and to Miss Mary Wardell, Hon. Secretary, Stanmore, Middlesex.

The Royal Eye Hospital, Southwark, is doing excellent work in a neighbourhood where it is both needed and appreciated. It also conducts its business on the honest basis of incurring only such debts as there is a reasonable probability of meeting. A stronger plea for increased support could scarcely be urged, and that additional funds are badly needed is evidenced by the fact that 14 beds were kept closed most of last year in order to keep the expenditure within the income. The total receipts were £3,498 14s. 8d. and the expenditure £3,081 5s. 10d., but the Committee plead for an assured income of £4,500, in order to cope at all adequately with the work which lies at their door. As the number of patients treated during the past year were 405 in-patients and 46,551 out-patients, exclusive of emergency cases attended to at irregular hours, it will be noticed that the management, in the hands of the able secretary, Mrs. T. E. Cope, and the Matron, Miss Islip, is conducted on extremely economical principles. We are especially glad therefore to learn that at the recent Annual Dinner, which was presided over by the Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P., a record subscription was announced amounting to £2,160.

The Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Viscount Midleton, recently formally opened a Cottage Hospital and Nurses' Home for Haslemere, the gift of Mr. J. W. Penfold and his sisters as a permanent memorial of Her Majesty's long reign.

Various improvements at the Royal United Hospital Bath, have now been completed, including the erection of a new kitchen, in place of the small and inconvenient one which has done duty up to the present time. Over the kitchen a chapel has been erected, and this was recently dedicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, who in the course of his address, said that if there was any place in which such a chapel was really necessary and suitable, it was in a Hospital. One hoped that that chapel would become a place in which those who were ministering to the sick would review their inspiration, and their desire to help. It is proposed to use the old chapel as a Nurses' sitting room, and to utilize the present one for the enlargement of the dining room.

The Dundee Royal Infirmary this year celebrates its centenary. It is, therefore, the more to be regretted that it is obliged to record a deficit which has now accumulated to the extent of £7,000. It is hoped that by systematic house to house visitation this sum may be considerably reduced. During the past year 2,922 in-patients, and 35,820 out-patients, have been treated. A new hospital for women, in connection with the Infirmary, is now being erected, and the Directors have applied to the Crown for a Supplementary Charter, authorising the Corporation to administer the Maternity Hospital, and also embracing power to elect certain of the Honorary Consulting Physicians and Surgeons to be Directors. The Directors hope to receive the Charter shortly. The Directors, in their annual report, recorded their satisfaction with the manner in which the Medical Superintendent, Dr. Fraser, and Miss Duff, the Matron, had discharged their onerous duties.

The Great Press Bazaar.

THE Great Press Bazaar in aid of the funds of the London Hospital has come and gone, and to judge from appearances it was a huge success. The amount taken is reported to be £10,000, a very handsome sum. Of course the cynosure of all eyes was the Princess of Wales, and she came in with all the lovely grace, which is apparently quite inimitable; to say she looked young and sweet, and beautiful, is to speak the truth, even about Royalty, and her gown of simple mauve and white foulard, slightly trained, was exquisite. The Princess made a tour of the Hall, and made many interesting purchases. The Duchess of York wore black and white—brightened with silver—and blue hare bells in her toque. All the beauties in London fluttered in airy frocks around the various stalls; the palm of beauty being easily won by the Duchess of Sutherland, who wore mauve muslin with a touch of black net round her throat, her bodice cut somewhat low after the present French mode, and a large black hat with sweeping feathers framed her brilliant little face. But for once the "beauties" were not in it, the interest of the feminine crowd being aroused and eager in pursuit of that *genius loci* Mr. Sydney Holland, Chairman of the London Hospital, a "dangerously fascinating being," as an enthusiast in white muslin exclaimed—who divided the admiration of our sex with Mr. Alfred Harmsworth, the young millionaire editor of the *Daily Mail*; the former "dark, debonair, dominating, with hair—er—" "like the proverbial paven's wing," I suggested. The latter, "a cherubic genius" (according to the opinion of white muslin) Well, I owned these young men were somewhat sparkful, and a decided relief to "lovely woman" by the *thousand*, be-frocked after the same fashion plate.

(I wonder if these personalities are quite in good taste—but, of course, they must be—as they are indulged in daily by our leading journals in relation to women of title). But, to be serious.

The stalls were draped in lemon and white muslin, and very charmingly arranged. The *Morning Post*, having the natural advantage of flowers, was immensely admired—becoming garnitures of smilax and pink carnations, and lovely mauve orchid sprays, to say nothing of roses and lilies, making a brave show. The *Daily Chronicle* came next with its display of lovely china, and the chifcons, pictures, and French hats, sold at *The Lady Stall*, were in brisk demand. The *Daily Mail* sold precious books. The Sisters of the London Hospital provided useful clothing for the poor, and looked crisp and cool in their becoming uniform of turquoise linen, and speckless white aprons and their distinctive caps with "tails." Altogether it was a unique Bazaar, and the Press and the London Hospital are to be sincerely congratulated upon its success.

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