

Annotations.

CHARING CROSS BAZAAR.

THE Bazaar to be held in the Royal Albert Hall on the 21st and 22nd of the present month bids fair to be a great success. Twenty-seven stalls have now been arranged, many of these representing various countries. Each stall will be distinguished by special colours and style, and the products of the country which it represents will be found upon it.

The following countries will be represented: England, red, white, and blue; Ireland, green; Scotland, mauve; Wales, red, white, and blue; France, red, white, and blue; Germany, black, white, and red; Russia, blue and yellow; Austria, black and yellow; Italy, red, white, and pale blue; Denmark, colour not stated; Greece, blue and white; Switzerland, red and white; Argentine Republic, blue and white; India, blue, Red Star of India; America, Stars and Stripes; Canada, rose; South Africa, yellow; Japan, colours not stated; Egypt, Sphinx on stall, red and yellow; Belgium, red, yellow, and white.

Besides these countries, various fancy lands, such as Flowerland, Bookland, and Stageland, are to be represented, then there will be the Hospital Stall, under the immediate patronage of H. I. and R. H. the Duchess of Saxe-Coburg Gotha; H. R. H. the Princess Louise will preside at this stall, and Miss H. Gordon, the Lady Superintendent of the Hospital, will also be found there. There will also be a Refreshment Stall, an American Bar, and an Automatic Stall.

Presiding over the stalls will be found the leaders of London Society. Indeed, it would seem as if the whole fashionable world is to be gathered for these two days within the walls of the Albert Hall. There are Princesses, not a few, including, as we have stated, one of the blood Royal, Duchesses, Marchionesses, Countesses, Viscountesses, besides many ladies of title, and other well known women. Stageland will be presided over by Mrs. Beerbohm Tree, Mrs. Kendal, and other luminaries in the dramatic world.

A great feature of the Bazaar, and one which should add largely to the finances, is the souvenir which has been designed by Mr. Beerbohm Tree. Mr. Tree's idea is not only to increase the funds of the Hospital at the present time, but to provide it with a source of revenue in days to come. He has accordingly conceived the idea of collecting between two

covers specimens of the work of those who are best known and most popular in English Art, Literature, and Music, and has been successful in securing an imposing array of contributors, so that the book will, no doubt, be widely sought after.

Each contribution will be accompanied by a portrait of the author, and facsimiles of his or her handwriting and ordinary signature. The first edition of five thousand copies will be issued at 10s. 6d. a copy.

All the autographed manuscripts will be on sale at Mrs. Tree's stall at the Bazaar, and the original drawings and music will, collected in one large portfolio, be raffled for at a guinea a ticket, and will no doubt prove a valuable asset. Altogether the Bazaar bids fair to rival the historic bazaar of the London Hospital, held at the Hotel Cecil.

PAYING PATIENTS IN DUBLIN HOSPITALS.

It is stated that in Dublin, which is (on paper) one of the best hospitalized cities in the Kingdom, that there is a real and growing danger that beds intended for the sick poor shall be diverted from this purpose, and utilized for those who can afford to pay in part, or entirely, for the treatment received.

The excellent organization and standard of nursing at present enforced in our hospitals, has no doubt brought about the somewhat anomalous condition that the really poor can obtain a perfection of medical and nursing treatment, which can only be obtained at fees which are prohibitive to all but the wealthy. The remedy for this condition however is, not to use the beds which should be devoted to the sick poor, but to establish private nursing institutions, where paying patients can obtain the benefits of hospital treatment.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY.

THE LORD MAYOR, as President of the Hospital Sunday Fund, is issuing an appeal in order to raise the total amount contributed to the Fund, since its foundation at the Mansion House in 1873, up to a million sterling this year. To accomplish this it is necessary to raise £50,000, and there seems some likelihood of the sum being reached. Mr. George Herring has generously contributed no less than £10,000 towards the required amount, and over 1,800 congregations have undertaken to devote their offertories to the Fund on Sunday next.

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