

HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS, &C.

A LIST of Lectures has been arranged by the Sanitary Institute for the special instruction of those desirous of obtaining knowledge of the duties of sanitary officers. The various subjects will be dealt with in a course of twelve lectures, given by well-known authorities. The lectures are a continuation of the courses previously held by the Parkes Museum, and it is proposed to repeat the course twice each year, to suit the requirements of persons preparing for the examinations of the institute. The lectures will comprise the subjects scheduled for these examinations. The course will have a further use in supplying the wants of acting inspectors and of other persons desirous of obtaining a practical knowledge of sanitary requirements and regulations. At the close of each lecture, Students will be allowed to ask questions upon the subjects treated. The lectures will be given on Tuesdays and Fridays, at eight p.m., in the Parkes Museum, 74A, Margaret Street, W., and Students attending the course will be granted free admission to the Museum and Library during October and November. A fee of six shillings for the course will be charged to cover the necessary expenses. Students and others desirous of attending the lectures are requested to send in their names at once to the Secretary of the Institute, 74A, Margaret Street, W.

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I NOTICE that some of my lay contemporaries are giving out that at a recent meeting at the City Road Chest Hospital, the Hon. Carr-Glynn (treasurer) has declined to acknowledge the validity of the resolution authorising the Council to sell out six thousand pounds' worth of stock, in order to pay off the debts of the Hospital. Another meeting of the Governors will, consequently, have to be called, and it is expected that at this the Council will be called upon to justify their conduct in discharging the secretary (Mr. J. Austin) because he spoke too plainly as to the method of treatment adopted towards the patients. How far this may prove to be true we must hope and wait for.

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I AM asked to state that during the past nine months the Artisan Nursing Association has been doing in a quiet and unostentatious manner a most useful and much-needed work in Lowestoft. Lady Cunliffe-Owen and Mrs. J. Downing Farrar are the guiding spirits of the Association, and these ladies are to be congratulated on the success which has crowned their efforts among the industrious and provident poor. In the nine

months that have elapsed since the Association was formed forty cases have been attended in Lowestoft, Carlton, and Somerleyton, some of them needing skilful attention. Four Trained Nurses are constantly employed, and their services, it is needless to say, are greatly appreciated by patients and friends.

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THE terms of membership are of such a character that the poorest, with the exercise of a little forethought, can avail themselves of the privileges of the Association. Any labourer or fisherman who pays an annual subscription of two shillings—less than a halfpenny a-week—can have a Trained Nurse in his home on payment of the further comparatively small sum of two shillings a-week. Artisans can become members by paying a yearly subscription of four shillings, and the payment for a Nurse in their case is three shillings a-week.

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SUCH a beneficent Institution, it is obvious, can only be maintained by outside subscriptions and donations, and in the list just issued it is gratifying to note that ladies and gentlemen of the town and neighbourhood have freely contributed to its support. The Association is unsectarian in its operations, and an application for a Nurse may be made in writing to the Secretary through a Committee Lady or any District Visitor. Up to the present subscriptions from sympathisers have been received amounting to £65 1s. 6d., and the donations have reached the substantial sum of £223 19s. 6d. Further particulars will be gladly given by Mrs. J. Downing Farrar, Essex House, Marina.

THE JUNIOR HOUSE SURGEON.

IN THE BACK PARLOUR.—It is not the people who shine in society, but the people who brighten up the back parlour; not the people who are charming when they are out, but the people who are charming when they are in, that are good to *live* with. It is not the brilliant men and women, but the simple, strong, restful men and women that make the best travelling companions for the road of life. The men and women who will only laugh as they put up the umbrella when the rain begins to fall, who will trudge along cheerfully through the mud and over the stony places,—the comrades who will lay their firm hand on ours and strengthen us when the way is dark, and we are growing weak,—the evergreen men and women, who, like the holly, are at their brightest and best when the blast blows chilliest—the stanch men and women. It is a grand thing this stanchness.

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