

## HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

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THE *Evening News and Post* calls attention to the fact "that the funds of Guy's Hospital are for the most part invested in lands in Lincolnshire, and through agricultural depression the times are bad, which accounts in a measure for some Wards throughout the Hospital being empty." The same Royal Commission, which we feel sure will be appointed sooner or later to enquire into the administration of our Hospitals, would do well to look into the investments made by such bodies, and see whether they are done full justice to.

AT a meeting of the Council of the Sanitary Institute held on the 10th inst., Professor H. Corfield, M.A., M.D., in the chair, further arrangements were made for the Congress and Exhibition to be held in September next. Fourteen members and associates were duly elected.

MISS EMILY J. SCOTT, Lady Superintendent of the Dover Nurses' Institute, is making a strong appeal on behalf of that Institution, which, Miss Scott remarks, is "self-supporting, so far as the work of the Trained Nurses goes, but for gratuitous Nursing in Dover, money earned by the Trained Nurses must not be employed. We have been obliged to reduce the number of the District Nurses already, and shall have to do still less for the poor, in future, unless further help is given. The case of one poor woman alone cost the Institution £15 last year, and now there are cases going on which will be just as expensive to our funds. The Hospital cannot take incurable cases, and it is dreadful that poor creatures struck down with lingering mortal diseases should lie in their misery without the help which makes such suffering bearable, simply because the funds of the Institution are not sufficient to afford succour in their time of need. We have the Nurses who are ready to give all the help possible; but we must be given the means to pay them, or we must very reluctantly give up attempting to nurse the poor, after the very limited yearly sum given us for that purpose is expended. Parish Nurses employed in many towns to attend on the sick poor are always calculated to cost £50 a year each, and that does not include cookery or nursing appliances. In addition to the £50 received annually from Dover, subscriptions and donations are given us to the amount of about £30 from friends at a distance; and if the whole amount were doubled we would guarantee to nurse the poor of Dover gratuitously, but without that it is impossible to struggle on."

Perhaps some of our Dover friends may have an opportunity of bringing the matter before the attention of some of the wealthier residents of that town to give the Lady Superintendent the help so much needed.

AT the festival dinner of the Metropolitan Hospital, held on the 10th inst., the President, the Rev. Wm. Rogers, claimed "that no Hospital could be more economically managed than was the Metropolitan." This is quite pleasant news when compared with Lord Randolph Churchill's speech last Saturday, respecting "the deficit of £100,000 per annum showed by expenditure over receipts by our Hospitals," a state of affairs that can hardly be too heartily condemned as perfectly needless and unnecessary.

WALLSEND, so much noted for its coals, has a population of fourteen thousand, according to a correspondent recently writing to the *Newcastle Daily Chronicle*, and requires an Infirmary. Another correspondent states that the population is only five thousand, and that an Infirmary is not needed. To get out of the difficulty caused by these wide differences of opinion, Mr. J. Sheldon suggests the following plan. "Let every man write on his time-board whether he is in favour of having an Infirmary or not; let a notice be put in every time-office window to that effect, and that will settle the whole question."

ON Thursday last, a bazaar and open-air *fete* was commenced in a field at Higher Runcorn, with the object of raising funds to establish a District Nurse at Runcorn. Sir Richard Brooke, Bart., Lady Brooke, and other local gentry lent their patronage and support. The opening ceremony was performed by Mr. Philip Speakman, C.C., of the Mount. The Rev. A. Maitland Wood, vicar, announced the following donations:—Major Orred, £3 3s.; Mr. Joseph Verdin, £5; Mrs. Charles Hazlehurst, £5; Mr. P. Speakman, £5; Sir Richard Brooke, £2 2s.; Drs. Robinson and Steele, a guinea each; and there were numerous promises, which we believe will be sufficient to secure the very desirable acquisition of a Nurse for the district.

WE are glad to hear that the projected new Infirmary for Halifax has met with very encouraging success. £48,261 has already been promised, but we do most sincerely hope that the Governors will not make the great mistake of expending more than they have absolutely in hand, a procedure which always throttles even the best intentioned efforts on behalf of an institution.

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