

The Hospital World.

AN AL FRESCO FÊTE.

The "Al Fresco" Fête to be held in Dublin on Friday and Saturday, June 26th and 27th, in aid of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital "Linen Guild" promises to be one of the most attractive of the kind ever organised in Dublin's fair city. It will be opened at 3 p.m. on Friday, by her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen, who never turns a deaf ear to the needs of the sick poor. Lord Iveagh has most kindly lent his spacious grounds for the occasion, and anyone who has not had the opportunity of enjoying the beauties of this oasis in

The dinner tent must prove a centre of sociability and an excellent place for taking a party of friends to dine, the charges being moderate and the fair waitresses most alluring. Ice-cream, strawberries and cream, sweets of the most delicious kinds will be in plenty, to tempt the possessor of a sweet tooth, crystal-gazing and character reading for those with a love of the mystic, baskets and pottery to buy, also bric-à-brac, also a needlework tent entirely furnished and supplied by "past and present nurses" of the hospital, who will be there in their pretty indoor uniforms to bewitch the soft-hearted. Many of the articles for sale have come direct from India, Rome, and Hun-



Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin.

the centre of the city, should certainly hasten to buy a ticket for the Fête. The archery ground, 70 yards long, with its velvet sward smooth enough for a bowling green, will be the scene of many outdoor amusements and competitions, the prizes for which are, to say the least, covetable. Military bands play each afternoon and evening, and, at the variety tent, performances will take place at short intervals all the time the grounds are open. The tea gardens promise good tea, and, above all, delicious home-made cakes and bread which two distinguished cooks have been busy making.

gary, and the only fear is that there will not be enough for those who clamour to buy. Flowers, vegetables, and country produce of all kinds will be found in yet another tent, and the "wheel of Fortune" is laying in a good stock of prizes worth having. A most uncommon "bran pie" will be found at the sweet stall, its youthful presidents having collected delightful dips, and also a goodly collection of toys. The object of the Fête must commend itself to all. The "Linen Guild" of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital was founded two years ago to provide all bedding and clothing re-

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