

all foreign countries are represented. Most of the famous men of science and letters have lectured there, and the institution is having a very perceptible influence upon the social life of the city, and is giving it an intellectual phase which it never possessed before.

Johns Hopkins was even more interested in his hospital than in the university, as is proved by the fact that his bequest for it was much the larger. His idea was that it should be absolutely the finest hospital in the world, and that it should be entirely free for all classes and conditions of humanity. In 1875 the trustees decided to get the views of five of the most distinguished physicians, chosen from different parts of the country, who had made hospitals their special study. One of these, Dr. Billings, surgeon in the United States army, and no mean authority on hospitals, was invited to act as medical superintendent and director of the buildings which were in course of erection. He was sent to Europe to visit all the noted hospitals in England and on the Continent.

The result is one of the most excellent collections of buildings in the world. They are twenty-three in number, and as they stand on three of the most elevated squares in Baltimore, being 115 feet above tide-water, they are conspicuous from every outlook in the city. From the main building, whose dome rises 200 feet above the ground and 315 feet above tidewater, there is a superb view of all Baltimore and its surroundings.

The general shape of the buildings is that of an E. The administration building, the largest and imposing of all, stands in the front centre of the group. It contains the offices of the trustees and the faculty and several lecture-halls. Extending from it to and through all other structures is a wide and lofty corridor. The top of this corridor forms an open terrace walk on a level with the hospital ward floors in the second storeys of the several buildings.

The wards extend eastward from the administration building in two lines. The first two wards are octagon, and will be for paying patients. The others are the common wards. In the main department of each ward will be twenty-four beds. There are two isolation wards, each with its separate system of ventilation and other facilities,

so that they can be completely shut off from the rest of the hospital. In the administration building, besides the offices and library, are the private apartments for the resident medical officers and students. The pay wards are in the octagonal building, and contain private bathrooms, dining-saloons, and kitchens. The wards contain over 300 beds.

The next principal building to the administration building is the nurses' home, which is four storeys in height. The two upper storeys are apportioned into sleeping apartments, each nurse having her own room. On the lower floors are reception-rooms and reading-rooms exclusively for the nurses, and a training kitchen. This will be used for giving the student nurses thorough training in the preparation of food for invalids. A feature of the institution is to be a training school for nurses, who will be given careful medical instruction and practice for a period of several years in the wards of this hospital before receiving their certificates.

The laundry is about as large as an ordinary hospital. It is one of the most interesting of the buildings, the special feature being its complete disinfecting chamber. The bath-house is supplied with the latest inventions for all kinds of baths. There is also a dispensary for the treatment of the poor of the city. It is a commodious building, containing a central waiting-room, twelve private consulting-rooms, and rooms specially adapted to surgical operations.

The serious questions of drainage, ventilation, and heating have received due attention, and in the matter of sanitation the hospital promises to be as nearly perfect as may be. The heating will be done by hot-water pipes, and the lighting by electricity. There will be a medical school in connection with the hospital, and the educational buildings are worthy of the rest of the establishment. Although not, as enthusiastic natives of Baltimore declare, the largest hospital in the world—it is smaller than eight in the British Isles alone, not to speak of the immense hospitals at Milan and elsewhere, the Johns Hopkins Hospital is undoubtedly one of the most complete and perfect. With Dr. Billings at its head, who we cordially congratulate on the successful completion of an arduous and difficult task, there can be no doubt that it will be admirably managed, and in all respects worthy of imitation.

FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN.

THE committee of the New Hospital for Women are to be congratulated on the excellent arrangements made for the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone, which took place last Tuesday. The large marquee was well ventilated, tastefully decorated, and, when filled with a well-dressed crowd, made really a pretty picture. The crowds who gathered along the Euston-road to welcome the Prince and Princess of Wales were not kept waiting, for punctually at 4.30 the Royal carriages came in sight, and the band of the Artists Volunteers, who were in attendance, struck up the National Anthem. The Princess looked very well, and quite as young as her two daughters, who accompanied her. She was dressed in a tight-fitting black velvet, with a white waistcoat, and the Princesses Victoria and Maud were in grey. As they entered the marquee, the Prince and Princess were received by the committee, who all wore badges of forget-me-nots. Lady Dufferin and some other personal friends shook hands with their Royal Highnesses, and little Miss Sylvia Stanley presented the Princess with a bouquet of roses. Mrs. Garrett Anderson commenced the proceedings by reading an address, during which she said: "The committee trust that in its permanent form happily inaugurated to-day by your Royal Highness, the New Hospital for Women will for generations to come help women to carry on worthily a noble and difficult work, both in this country and in India, and that it will also serve as a memorial of the social and intellectual

advance made by women in the memorable reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria."

The Archbishop of Canterbury offered up a prayer that the ministry of women to their fellow sisters might be hallowed by God's blessing; and then the grand voice of Madame Antoinette Sterling rang through the tent—"He leadeth us, even though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death."

After the architect and builder had been presented, the Princess proceeded to lay the stone, spreading the mortar skilfully, and guiding the descending stone, smiling the while, as though the accustomed ceremony still had its comic side to her mind. A pile of purses was then placed on the stone by friends who had collected in aid of the charity, and the Rev. J. Llewelyn Davies, who is chairman of the committee, thanked the Princess for her presence, acknowledging that her support had helped women to overcome the barriers which beset their entrance to the medical profession. The Prince of Wales, in a short speech, replied for the Princess, saying she was quite aware of the difficulties and prejudices which medical women had had to overcome, and that she sincerely hoped the hospital would prove a blessing to her sex. The speech was received with cheers. Next came a trio, "O Lift Thine Eyes," sung by Madame Antoinette Sterling, Miss Eleanor Rees, and Miss Liza

Lehmann. The Archbishop then pronounced the blessing. The formal proceedings being over, the Princess shook hands with Madame Sterling and thanked her for her singing, and then retired for a cup of tea. Several of the committee and medical staff of the hospital were presented to their Royal Highnesses by special request.

There were many well-known faces in the audience, amongst which we recognised Sir Spencer Wells, Mr. Plaskitt, Miss Bonham-Carter, Mrs. Tait, and the energetic secretary, Miss M. Bagster. The site and building of the new hospital will cost £20,000, of which about £12,000 has been so far collected, Mrs. Westlake, Mr. Thomasson, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Anderson, Mrs. Charles Holland, and Lady Harriet Wentworth having each subscribed £1,000 towards the building fund. Miss Florence Nightingale and Sir Douglas Galton have advised as to the plans for the new building, and the hospital should be a model one. Certainly it has secured a good start in receiving the support of the Princess of Wales.

AMUSEMENTS AND RELAXATION.

Word Competition.

COMMENCED APRIL 6TH, ENDS JUNE 29TH.

Three Prizes of 15s., 10s., 5s., will be given for the largest number of words derived from the words set for dissection.

Proper names, abbreviations, foreign words, words of less than four letters, and repetitions are barred; plurals, and past and present participles of verbs, are allowed. Nuttall's *Standard* dictionary only to be used.

N.B.—Word dissections must be sent in WEEKLY, arranged alphabetically, with correct total affixed.

The word for dissection for this, the *Sixth* week of the quarter being

"RITCHIE."

Results of Fourth Week.

Names.	May 2nd.	Totals.	Names.	May 2nd.	Totals.
Concours, Apl 25	—	126	Eric	16	310
Patience	18	387	Tiny	16	312
Nurse Duty	18	380	N'importe Qui	16	299
Lightowers	17	376	Pollie	13	290
Scrooge	—	368	W. G. R.	13	270
Reldas	18	250	Robe	—	150
Tinie	18	390	Beryl	13	255
K. G.	18	362	Nesta	—	124
Broxbourne	18	368	Daffodil	—	89
Lauriston	17	368	A Schoolgirl	13	130
Spes	18	369	Montague	—	79
Gretta	—	224	Sheeny	—	111
Francesca	18	364	Alice R.	—	63
Heatherbell	—	185	Belfast	—	163
Sycamore	—	201	Gentian	17	209
Arctus	16	331	Hope	—	39
Amicus	16	355	Louie	11	139
Scratcher	—	197	Hamilton	—	121
Jemima	—	138	E. M.	—	120
Concours	11	314	F. J. D.	—	112
C. J. S.	—	134	Ladyr	—	102
See-saw	18	331	Surgical Nurse	16	115
Rosemont	—	173	Violet	—	95
Jenny Wren	16	142	L. Pearce	—	32

Notice to all Correspondents.

N.B.—All letters referring to this page which do not arrive at 139 and 140, Salisbury-court, London, E.C., by the first post on Thursdays, and are not addressed PRIZE EDITOR, will in future be disqualified and disregarded.

Conditions.

I. Every paper sent in must be clearly written, and one side only must be used. All competitors must mark at the head of their papers the number of their competition.

II. Each paper must be signed by the author with his or her real name and address. A *nom de plume* may be added if the writer does not desire to be referred to by us by his real name. In the case of all prize-winners, however, the real name and address will be published.

III. All communications relating to prize competitions should be addressed to "The Prize Editor, THE HOSPITAL, 139 and 140, Salisbury-court, London, E.C." Competitors are requested not to include in letters, etc., to the Prize Editor communications on matters of other business. All letters must be fully prepaid.

IV. The Prize Editor of THE HOSPITAL is the sole judge of the competitions, and his decision is in all cases final and without appeal.

V. The Prize Editor reserves the right to publish any paper sent in, whether it receives a prize or not. He does not hold himself responsible for any MSS. sent, nor can he undertake to return rejected competitions.

SCRAPS AND GLEANINGS.

MISS FELLOWS has given a concert in aid of the Grimsby Hospital. An epidemic of malignant scarlet fever is reported from New York. HEREFORD GENERAL INFIRMARY has been able to invest £2,000 in the county rates.

THE students of the London Hospital are going to give a concert on the 23rd of this month.

A SUCCESSFUL ball was held last week at Eastbourne in aid of the Princess Alice Hospital.

THE Chairman of the Hull Royal Infirmary has issued a special appeal for further subscriptions.

THE Meistersingers Club gave an excellent May Day medley in aid of the Hospitals Association.

DURING Whit Week a bazaar will be held at Stanley Park in aid of the Stanley Hospital, Liverpool.

THE Princess of Wales has sent a contribution to the bazaar in aid of the Bootle Borough Hospital.

LAST Saturday was the ninth anniversary of Hospital Saturday at Bolton. Collections were made.

DR. MEARS has resigned his post as lecturer on anatomy to the College of Medicine, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

MR. HERBERT LUND, F.R.C.S., has been appointed honorary assistant surgeon to the Salford Royal Hospital.

THE profits of the Private Nursing Institution attached to Grimsby Hospital amounted to about £120 per annum.

DURING April a fire occurred at the Royal Free Hospital, but was promptly extinguished by a courageous nurse.

IN Manchester for the week ending April 27, the birth-rate was equal to 36.6 per thousand, and the death-rate to 23.4.

A SUCCESSFUL concert was held at Aberdeen on April 29th, in aid of the Children's Hospital. Lord Saltoun presided.

ONE thousand medical, and two thousand surgical, cases were attended to at the Great Northern Hospital during April.

ON May 29th a meeting will be held at Dudley House in aid of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond-street.

SIR HENRY THOMPSON, Mr. Ernest Hart, and Mr. Critchett were all present at the private view of the Royal Academy.

ST. MARY'S COTTAGE HOSPITAL, Tenbury, report says that 69 patients were treated last year, at an average cost of 7s. per week per head.

THE Church of England Temperance Society held its 27th anniversary last Saturday, in Westminster Town Hall. Good progress was reported.

THE *National Review* contains an article on Doctoring in China, and *Longmans Magazine* contains an article on Father Damien among the Lepers.

THE last lecture of the winter course at the Sanitary Institute takes place on May 16th, when Mr. Davis will speak on "Fires and Fire Escapes."

SIR JAMES SAWYER has resigned his post of physician to the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham. Sir James has been connected with the hospital since 1861.

SIR JOHN AIRD is doing his duty as chairman of St. Mary's Hospital festival dinner. He has issued a pressing appeal for support and for contributions.

ELIZABETH SNELSON, a lunatic pauper, who recently died in Macclesfield Lunatic Asylum, cost the Altrincham Union over £900 since her incarceration in 1847.

QUEEN MARGHERITA of Italy is very charitable; but the form of charity in which she most delights is playing the cello at concerts given for charitable purposes.

THE Emperor of Germany has conferred the Red Eagle, Third Class, on Dr. Felix Semon, assistant physician in charge of the Throat Department, St. Thomas's Hospital.

IN connection with the forthcoming Exhibition at Paris an international congress on the housing of the poor will be held at Paris on the 26th, 27th, and 28th of June next.

NINE residents of Ashford (Kent) were last week summoned for neglecting to have their children vaccinated. Seven of them were fined 20s. and costs, and the other two 10s. and costs.

THERE is one lunatic asylum in America where the female patients are managed exclusively by women. It is that at Norristown, Pennsylvania, where Dr. Alice Bennett has charge over 800 women.

PROFESSOR MENDELEEF, the famous Russian chemist, will deliver the triennial Faraday lecture at the Royal Institution, on June 4th, under the auspices of the Chemical Society of Great Britain.

A LADY in her 103rd year, the late Miss Rebecca Norton, of Brentford, was buried on May 3, at Woking Cemetery, Brookwood, Surrey. The burial was conducted on the "earth-to-earth" system.

THE Right Hon. Viscount Gough presided at the annual meeting of the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, on April 25th. The report was satisfactory, except with regard to funds. More subscribers are urgently needed.

MR. W. C. EALEY, of Edinburgh, who spent twelve years as a missionary amongst the lepers of Southern India, lectured lately at Halifax on the deficient hospital accommodation for such cases in some parts of the East.

THE 1,463 deaths which occurred in London last week, included 65 from measles, nine from scarlet fever, 29 from diphtheria, 56 from whooping-cough, three from enteric fever, 18 from diarrhoea and dysentery, and not one from small-pox, typhus, or cholera.

LAST week there were no fewer than 2,806 bathers in the baths of Bath, and the receipts from bathers and water-drinkers amounted to £200. During the last five weeks the receipts at the various baths have been £130 in excess of the amount during the corresponding weeks of last year.