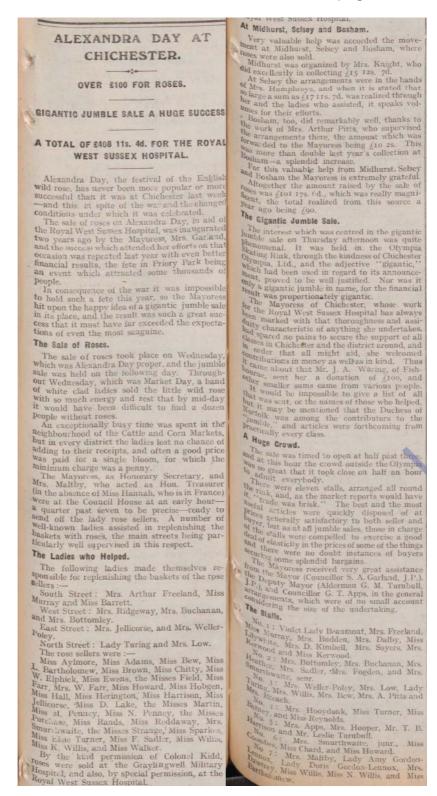
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No. 8: The Countess of March, Miss Swans borough, Miss F. Pitts, Miss Newman, and Mis

borough, Miss V. P. Byles.
No. 9: Mrs. Jellicorse, Mrs. Birch, Mis Purchase, Miss Baker, Miss Farr, Mrs. Garland Mrs. Sadler, and Miss Light.
No. 10: Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Denman, Mrs Ewart, Miss Purchase, and Miss D. Kerwood.
No. 11: The Mayor, Alderman G. M. Turnbull, J.P., Councillor G. T. Apps, Miss Underwood, Miss B. Vick, and Miss H. Vick.

An Auction Sale.

When the stall holders had completed their task of selling privately an auction sale was conducted by Mr. Walter Stride (of Messrs Stride & Son), who once again very kindly gave his services gratuitously for the cause of charity

For a couple of hours he weilded the hammer to some purpose, for although the amount which the auction realized was only a little over £12 he disposed of some hunderds of articles at prices. ne disposed of some hunderds of articles at prices ranging from a penny upwards. His "catalogue" naturally contained only those things which the public had not thought fit to purchase privately, and the work was no sinecure, but Mr. Stride performed it always with a cheery smile and not without humour. An account of some of the lots which he knocked down to well known people present would no doubt prove interesting reading, but it is not usual to give such details of jumble sales, however gigantic they may be.

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This auction sale was certainly an enjoyable affair even if it proved rather a duous for the auctioneers' assistants, among whom the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Apps, Mr. Leshe Turnbull, and Mr. W. W. Whitehead, were most active. The staff of Messrs, Stride and Son also gave their services.

The result of the whole effort was magnificent, the total available for the Hospital after paying expenses being no less a sum than £408 13s. 1od.

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As stated above, the Mayoress carried out the duties of Hon. Secretary, and Mrs. Maltby those of Hon. Treasurer, the latter receiving the kind assistance of Mr. G. E. Maltby, J.P. whose help in manyways was much appreciated. The Countries of March was Chairman of the Committee, which was composed of the following ladies: Lady Leconfield, Lady Turing, Violet Lady Beaumont, Lady Horlick, Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Bottomley, Mrs. Close, Mrs. Dalby, Mrs. Denman, Mrs. Davey, Mrs. Ewart, Mrs. Fyfle, Mrs. A. Freeland, Mrs. Gorham, Mrs. Garratt, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Hammonds, Mrs. Humphrys, Miss Hunter, Mrs. Fellicorse, Miss Kennard, Mrs. Lees, Mrs. Low, Mrs. Masters, Mrs. Du Pre, Mrs. Weller-Poley, Mrs. Ridgeway, Mrs. O. N. Wyatt, Miss Whalley, and Mrs. Wilson.

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Queen Alexandra has addressed the following letter to the Duchess of Portland as Chairman of the Executive of the Queen Alexandra Day Fund, and its perusal will be of interest to all at Chichester who supported the Mayoress in her excellent work:—

Marlborough House, June 23rd.

My dear Duchess,—I wish to take the earliest opportunity to express to you and to your Committee, and through you, to all those who have helped and worked by organizing by selling, and by contributing towards "Alexandra Day," my most sincere and heartfelt thanks for their splendid work in the great cause of charity.

The conditions under which "Alexandra Day," has been celebrated this year are so very different to former occisions that I have some difficulty in expressing what I feel. Then peace reigned, and all was happiness; now the dark cloud of war overshadows the country, and for this reason I am more than conscious of the strain imposed upon your workers, and am grateful to them. ful to them.

The tension and anxiety felt by all throughout the country is so great that anything in the shape of a display would be contrary to the feelings and instincts of our people, but I feel that the sale of roses in the streets to-day shows our object not only to assist the sick and suffering, but directly and indirectly to benefit our glorious wounded soldiers and sailors in our hospitals.

The British nation is always ready to respond generously to such an appeal as has been made to-day, whilst to me it is my greatest pride and happiness that my name should be associated with an undertaking that brings comfort to those who are so sadly in need of it.

I wish to tell you how greatly I appreciate the co-operation and help which the Mayors and Chairmen of Urban District Councils in London and our provincial centres have given to the movement, and to them and their kind helpers I offer my very sincere and cordial thanks. I also desire to express my gratitude to the Lord

also desire to express my gratitude to the Lord Mayor for his kind assistance, and to his Administrative Committee for the work they have undertaken to distribute the Fund.

The organization which bears my name has spread throughout the Empire and it is most gratifying to me to know that Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and the West Indies are helping us to day. It is also a pleasant surprise to me to hear that over 150 Belgian ladies are giving their kind and welcome assistance to our cause.

I would ask you especially to express to Miss Beeman, Organizing Secretary of the Alexandra Day Fund my very cordial appreciation of her untiring labours and my congratulations on the splendid success which has attended her efforts, and phase tell your Committee and the ladies who so kindly undertook the task of selling the roses how greatly I value all their work, and the time that have so generously given for the purpose.

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