

of the patients. There is also an iron fire-escape staircase at the end of each Ward, telephonic communication between all the Wards, the officers' rooms, and the parish offices. Ample lift accommodation is also provided. There is a divided block for infectious cases, containing thirty-two beds, and a Nurses' Home, with seventy-two bed-rooms, and a large dining-room, besides large and handsome apartments for the Matron and her Assistants. The health of the Nurses, we are glad to notice, will be well cared for, and we hear that a tennis-ground is to be made for them. No expense has evidently been spared to make the new Infirmary a model one. Our readers will feel with us that the foregoing description is not only sufficient to make every Nurse wish that all Poor Law Institutions and Hospitals were organized in the same liberal and public spirited manner, but is also a most striking example of the rapid improvement which is taking place in this country in the ways and means adopted for the care of those of our sick who have the great additional misfortune to be paupers. We can congratulate Miss Gibson, the well-known Matron of the Brownlow Hill Infirmary, at Liverpool, upon her thoroughly-deserved appointment as Lady Superintendent of the great establishment at Birmingham, and the authorities upon their good fortune in having secured such valuable services as Miss Gibson's to organize and carry on the Nursing at the new Infirmary.

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THE new Hospital at Yarmouth, of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales laid the foundation stone about eighteen months ago, was opened on Thursday, September 20th, by Sir James Paget, Bart., who was accompanied by the President, the Governors, the Committee of the Hospital, the Mayor and members of the town council. The ceremony was preceded by a short special dedicatory service at the parish church, where a sermon was preached by the Dean of Norwich. The building stands on the site of the old Institution, on the highest ground in the town, and is constructed on the pavilion principle, with white brick, with dressings and ornamental features of dark buff terra cotta. It affords accommodation for forty-four patients, and has been erected at a cost of over £10,000. It consists of a central block, and north and south wings containing the large Wards, these latter being connected with the central block by corridors, having cross ventilation. The central block is chiefly devoted to the administrative department. Between the central block and wings are covered verandahs, open to the west, where the patients can sit in the sunshine, protected from all cold winds. In this portion of the building is also a single Ward on

the north side, and the Dispensary on the south side. The north wing contains two large Wards, one on the ground floor and one on the first floor. The south wing consists of the out-door department, on the ground floor, and a large Ward on the first floor. The out-door department has a porch opening into a large waiting-room, with seats, and two Surgeons' rooms. The Dispensary adjoins the waiting-room on the north side, with wicket doors opening into the same and into the corridor, so arranged that patients, after receiving their medicine, pass out through an entrance door, without having to re-enter the waiting-room. Separate offices are provided for the out-door department. A one-story building, to the south of the Hospital, contains a Mortuary and Separation Ward, &c., with the necessary offices, these being well isolated.

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MELBOURNE WOMEN'S HOSPITAL.—We learn from the *Australasian Medical Gazette* that a tablet has been placed on the wall at the entrance to the Genevieve Ward Wing of the Melbourne Women's Hospital, to commemorate the gift of £2,500 by that lady; a tablet has also been placed in the same situation to commemorate the large share which the Chinese community took in organising a bazaar, which realised £1,000 in aid of the funds.

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NEW INFIRMARY AT LANCASTER.—The new Infirmary, about to be erected in Lancaster, will be on a site in close proximity to the town. It is thought that from £10,000 to £15,000 will be required for a suitable building and a permanent sustentation fund. Mr. Williamson, M.P., has offered £5,000 towards the building fund.

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

THE Queen has sent the following reply to the address presented to her by the prelates of the Pan-Anglican Conference: "I have received with much gratification the address of the recent meeting held at Lambeth of Archbishops and Bishops of the Church of England, and of Churches in communion therewith in various parts of my dominions, in the United States of America, and in other foreign countries, on the subject of the continuous extension of such Churches throughout the course of my reign. I thank you heartily for your expressions of goodwill towards my throne and person. You may be assured that it will ever be my anxious desire to promote all measures which may tend to maintain and extend the spirit of true religion, and I earnestly pray that Almighty God may bless your

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