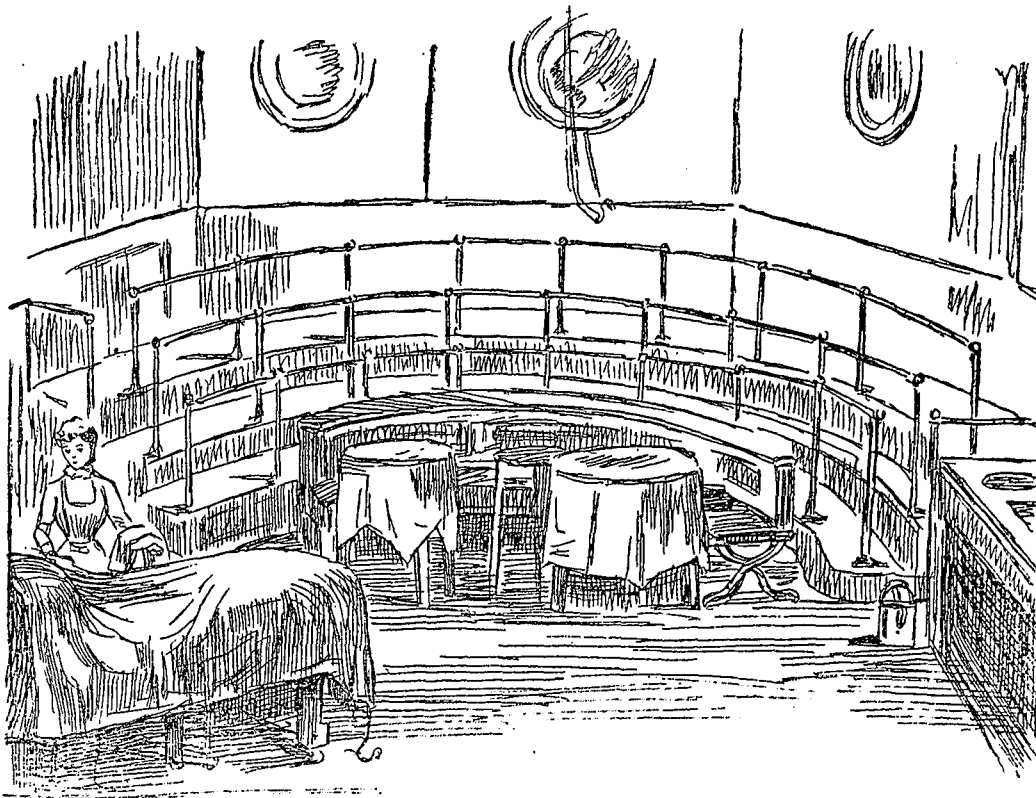


EXTERIORS AND INTERIORS.



THE ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—THE OPERATING THEATRE.

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

THE Queen has telegraphed a message of sympathy to the relatives of the poor little children who were killed or injured in the terrible railway disaster at Armagh. Her Majesty, ever thoughtful of her subjects in every part of her Empire, has also sent the following message of sympathy to India: "The Queen-Empress appreciates your endeavours to alleviate the distress in Ganjam, and desires that no efforts be spared. Her Majesty deeply sympathises with the sufferings of her people in that district."

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LAST week, in the presence of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany and a large number of the friends of the Institution, Lord Napier of Magdala presided over the thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Soldiers' Daughters' Home at Hampstead. Considerably over a thousand children, of whom five hundred and eleven have

been placed in domestic service, have been maintained and educated in the Home since it was opened by His Royal Highness the Prince Consort in 1855. At the present moment there are one hundred and sixty-one girls in the Institution. The principal feature in connection with the proceedings was the distribution of prizes by the Duchess of Albany. The little children, who made quite a picture in their pretty red frocks and white pinafores, received these gifts with becoming blushes, curtsying gracefully to Her Royal Highness as she bestowed the awards. The Duchess, who expressed her willingness to become a patron of the Institution, was loudly cheered on leaving the building.

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THE Queen of Italy employs a Lady Doctor as one of her special Medical attendants.

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I HEAR that the Lady Mayoress is deeply interested in all the good work undertaken by her

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