

three summers, who seemed in a fair way towards convalescence, was 'monarch of all she surveyed.' The furnishing of the rooms, which will cost about £130, has been done with an eye more to the useful than the ornamental; but the latter has not been entirely overlooked, for on the walls several pictures have been hung, one representing the 'Queen's Jubilee,' presented by Mr. A. W. Birchall, occupying a position over the door. The Nurses, too, have been busy adding to their comfort and attractiveness by providing two folding screens, covered with scraps, which will interest the little patients as well as serve to keep the draught out. A neatly fitted up medicine chest, round table, and sofas also form part of the furniture, and on the table were several donations, in the shape of children's books, provided by the thoughtfulness of friends. At the time appointed, Lady Hamilton, accompanied by Mr. H. W. B. Robinson, private secretary, drove up to the institution, where a large number of visitors had assembled, and was received by the members of the Hospital Board, the chairman of which (Mr. G. Collins) conducted her ladyship to the Children's Wards. Here the Lady Superintendent and Nurses welcomed Lady Hamilton, and the room being filled, Mr. G. Collins requested her ladyship to open and name the two Wards. He detailed the events that led up to their establishment, and he said they would remain under the control of the Board, but the furnishing of them would not cost the Government a single penny. It was an innovation that the committee themselves long desired to undertake, but their hands were hampered, for they fully recognised the advantage to be gained by placing children in a separate Ward. He was glad, however, to find that the suggestions made in this direction had been brought to a satisfactory conclusion. It gave him pleasure to see so many ladies there, for it was most desirable that their interests should be awakened, and he hoped that from the Children's Ward it would extend to the other Wards, and would never cease until they had their local Hospital under their own control, and supported by local subscriptions.

"LADY HAMILTON said that it came quite as a pleasant surprise to her to be asked to perform this pleasing ceremony. She knew that the question of establishing a Children's Ward had been spoken of, but had no idea that such progress had been made, and it was touching to find not only that such bright, comfortable rooms had been provided, but also that already they had their little occupants. It gave her pleasure to name it (the boys' ward) the Victoria Ward, and she was sure that it would also give her Majesty

pleasure to find that the first Children's Ward in the colony was named after her. She fully recognised the benefit of such a Ward, for although there were people who believed that the presence of children in the Adult Wards had a beneficial effect on the elder patients, still she was sure the effect on the little ones was in an opposite direction. Here, however, their wants could be ministered to without any objectionable surroundings, and from what she already saw, she was sure everything possible would be done to alleviate their sufferings, and hoped that the beginning made, the interest would expand as necessity arose until the original suggestion of a Children's Hospital became an accomplished fact.

"A MOVE was then made for the Girls' Ward, which Lady Hamilton named the Alexandra Ward, saying that a better name could not have been chosen, as no one in the British Empire took a greater interest in efforts of this description than the Princess of Wales. It had come under her notice during the trouble they had gone through in Ireland, and she was surprised to find one occupying the position her Highness did so familiar with all the details of the different cases."

ONE of the recently successful candidates in the Post-card Competition writes to the Editor as follows:—"Dear Mr. Editor, I received my books all right, and it was a pleasant surprise to see they were such lovely little copies. I had no idea we were to get such pretty books, and so beautifully illustrated. I am sure the Nurses who are lucky enough to win the prize must be delighted with such pretty volumes. I am glad to see in the *Record* that the 'badge' question is up again. I only wish I were of an artistic turn. With thanks.—I am, yours truly."

CENTRAL Africa, at Bangala Station, on the Congo basin, nearly a thousand miles from the Atlantic coast, boasts a Hospital containing no less than forty beds, besides rooms for convalescent patients. Thus a great work progresses almost at the utmost confines of civilization.

AND a transatlantic contemporary informs me that "Dr. Razie Koutlairoff-Hanum, a young Mohammedan woman, who was born in the Crimea, recently passed a creditable examination as physician and surgeon at Odessa, and now enjoys the distinction of being the first woman of her creed to engage in the practice of medicine as understood by Western nations."

THE greatly regretted death of Lady Rosebery removes from us one who will be missed much

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