

room, when off duty, as well as her dining room and bedroom, is often an exceedingly inconvenient alternative.

Our contemporary also seems to consider that it is making a reasonable demand when it suggests that patients "on reception at the hospital should have the entrance effected in as pleasant and agreeable a manner as possible, and to this end, a suitable entrance to a comfortable reception room is necessary." We entirely agree with our contemporary, but we wonder how many of our casualty departments contain "comfortable reception rooms"?

On Saturday, September 18th, at the Harvest Festival of the Oriole Hospital, Lady Gwendolen Herbert will address the nurses. Mrs. Boulton will also give an address, and the Festival Sermon will be delivered by Josiah Oldfield, M.A.

On the 19th, Miss May Yates will give an address on "The World Beautiful," and the Festival Sermon will be preached by Harry Cocking, Esq. There will be music and refreshments. Applications for invitation tickets should be made to the Warden, Oriole, Loughton, Essex.

Negotiations are being carried on between representatives of the trustees of the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and the Manchester Corporation, with a view to the settlement of the differences which have arisen, as to the proposed rebuilding of the Infirmary. In December last a scheme was submitted to the general body of the trustees for the erection of an entirely new building upon the present site. A poll was taken, and a majority of forty-six votes was recorded in favour of the scheme. Strenuous opposition to the plans was, however, offered on behalf of the City Council, notably by the late Alderman Clay, the then chairman of the Improvement Committee, and a compromise was decided upon at an informal meeting of the trustees, held under the presidency of Lord Derby early in the present year. It is hoped that a satisfactory solution of the difficulties which have arisen, may shortly be brought under the notice of the Infirmary Board.

The Committee of the New General Hospital, Birmingham, have issued an invitation to the public to inspect their new building, with the result that the demand for tickets has far exceeded their expectations. Sixteen thousand tickets have been issued, and these have only accommodated a small percentage of the applicants.

A site has been secured in Paisley, on the Greenlaw estate, for the new Eye Infirmary which Provost Mackenzie is presenting to the town. The ground value has been purchased to save annual burthens on the institution. It is expected that the infirmary will cost £5000.

A Hospital for Women and Children, with a Nursing Institute attached, has been decided upon as one of Hong Kong's memorials of Her Majesty's Diamond

Jubilee, and the foundation stone was duly laid by his Excellency the Governor on the second day of the Jubilee holidays. The plan of the building is reported to have been settled, but neither the principle nor the details of the scheme under which the institution is to be worked have, so far as is known, yet been decided upon, or, at all events, they have not been published. Is the hospital to be maintained for paying patients, or for necessitous cases only, or for both? And on what terms are the services of the nurses to be available? These are questions that naturally suggest themselves, and on which the community would naturally like to have an opportunity of expressing its opinion.

The retirement of Dr. R. R. Rentoul, of Liverpool, from the General Medical Council, has somewhat surprised the medical world during the past week, as he was only elected as a member in December. It will be remembered that he was one of the candidates supported by the Incorporated Medical Practitioners' Association, the Council of which society has now decided to support Mr. George Jackson, of Plymouth, at the election for the vacant seat. Mr. Victor Horsley, it is reported, may come forward as a candidate. Should the latter gentleman be elected, no doubt he will receive a warm welcome from the colleague whom he has described in the medical press as "a would-be Bobadil."

We notice with interest that it is proposed to found an asylum for the insane in Syria, and with the object of obtaining funds for this purpose, Mr. Theophilus Waldmeier, who for many years has been the superintendent of the Friends' Mission on Mount Lebanon, delivered an address, at the Leinster Lecture Hall, Molesworth Street, Dublin, on "The Present Condition of the Insane in Syria." It is a noteworthy fact, which forces itself upon one in visiting foreign countries, that either England has almost a monopoly of lunacy, necessitating the establishment of a large lunatic asylum in every county, or that in less civilized countries, there are numberless lunatics at large, to the danger of the community, for whom no sort of provision is made. Mrs. Waldmeier, who is a native of Syria, also addressed the meeting. We notice, with some amazement, that the chairman, Dr. John Eustace, is reported to have said that "Mrs. Waldmeier was formerly a member of the Greek Church, but she was now a Christian worker for the benefit of her fellow-creatures." This is the first time that we have ever heard that the Greek Church is outside the pale of Christianity! Does Dr. Eustace really wish us to infer that it is necessary to belong to a Protestant sect, in order to claim the name of Christian. This reminds us of a story told by Dean Ramsay, in his charming Scotch reminiscences, of the old Scotchwoman, who said that "the true kirk consisted of herself and Jamie" (Jamie being her son), but added thoughtfully, after a moment's pause, that she was "No sa sure of Jamie"!

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