

The Hospital World.

QUEEN VICTORIA HOSPITAL, MELBOURNE.

THE Queen Victoria Hospital, Melbourne, which was opened by Lady Brassey, on July 5th, is a general hospital for the treatment of women and children by qualified medical women. Three years ago the medical women of Melbourne arrived at the conclusion that there were a large number of women, both those who could afford to pay, and those who were unable to do so, who desired to secure the medical attendance of members of their own sex in a hospital. The idea of establishing the "Queen's Shilling Fund," by means of which some £3,400 has been raised, was originated by Mrs. Bear-Crawford, and a hospital has been erected providing accommodation for five medical and three surgical patients, besides ample room for the treatment of out-patients. The Committee have appointed the medical women who originally supported the movement as the staff of the Institution.

Lady Brassey, who was accompanied by Lord Richard Nevill, was received by Lady Sargood, the Vice-President of the Institution, who presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers, the Hon. Treasurer, and Secretary, and members of the Committee. In performing the ceremony of opening the Hospital, Lady Brassey expressed her pleasure at the office assigned to her. The Hospital was, she understood, the first of its kind in the southern hemisphere, and the ladies concerned had undertaken a noble work. She wished it success and prosperity. She then unlocked the door of the main entrance with a gold key presented by the architect.

The wards are on the first floor of the building, the surgical ward having cubic space for eight patients, the medical ward for three. On this floor are also the nurses' and servants' bedrooms, the bathroom, linenroom, and lavatories. The operating theatre, adjoining which is a special ward, is excellently arranged. The operating table is of white enamelled iron and all the fittings are of the most approved description. The floor is of mineral asphalt rolled smooth and sloping towards an opening in the outer wall, by which means it can be washed down with a hose. The walls and roof are of Keene's cement, with a dado of white porcelain tiles. The sterilizing chamber is close to the theatre, and is also tiled and cemented, and here the instruments, dressings and aprons are sterilized before each operation. The water used is sterilized by means of being passed through a Berkenfeld filter; it is then boiled by a Douglas gas-heater, and ultimately stored in the cold cistern.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE Queen has fixed November 17th or 18th for her visit to Bristol to open the Diamond Jubilee Convalescent Home at Redland, Durdham Down, Bristol.

The Empress Frederick has signified her intention of visiting Nottingham next spring for the purpose of opening a lazaar, and of laying the foundation stone of the new buildings in connection with the Children's Hospital.

An anonymous donor has sent a further donation of £5,000 to the re-endowment fund of Guy's Hospital.

The Metropolitan Asylums Board's new fever hospital, "The Grove," is now open for the reception of patients. At present, however, only diphtheria cases are admitted.

The Right Hon. A. J. Balfour has consented to preside at a dinner to be held in November in aid of the fund to provide new laboratories for King's College, London.

It has been decided to build another asylum for criminal lunatics, as Broadmoor is now full. The site of the new asylum will probably be at Dover.

A home for the treatment of consumptive patients on modern principles has been opened at Otley in Yorkshire.

Mr. John William Naylor, of Leeds, has left the following bequests to Leeds charities:—Leeds Dispensary, Leeds Infirmary, Leeds Women's and Children's Hospital, Leeds Cookeridge Convalescent Home, and Leeds Deaf and Dumb Institution, £6,250 each.

The Toxeth Guardians have been asked to undertake the building of the proposed Tuberculosis Hospital for Liverpool on the understanding that West Derby and Liverpool shall act in conjunction with them. The Liverpool Guardians have decided against the scheme.

The Sunderland Infirmary has benefitted to the extent of £6,000 during the past year by the contributions of local working men.

The foundation stone of St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, is to be laid on October 9th by the Countess of Derby.

It is reported that deaths from plague have occurred at Naples and Palermo during the last few days. Siberian plague is also reported in the South-east of Russia.

The United States Commission engaged in investigating the cause of yellow fever in Havana reports that Dr. Sanarelli has discovered the true source of the disease.

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