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Editorial.

WOMEN AND THE STATE.

ON Friday in last week the Earl of Rosebery opened a cottage hospital at Bishop Auckland in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Lord Rosebery was appropriately the guest of Sir William and Lady Eden on the occasion, as the idea of the hospital was initiated by Lady Eden. The institution is especially interesting, inasmuch as the miners of the district have determined to support it, and although they might easily have appealed to the wealthy inhabitants of the neighbourhood for funds for its maintenance, they have insisted on finding the money themselves. Perhaps this is the reason why many thousands of the working population of the district assembled on the occasion of the opening of the hospital, and they accorded to Lord Rosebery a very enthusiastic reception.

The remarks of the noble lord on this occasion were noteworthy. In congratulating the miners on their public-spirited action, he said that he welcomed their determination because it involved a great general principle. We were sometimes told in these days that the State should do everything for us, from the cradle to the grave, but there were other points of view. He was anxious to maintain the self-reliant and independent character of the people. When that failed—

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