

The Hospital World.**THE ROYAL ALBERT EDWARD INFIRMARY,
WIGAN.**

It has long been the desire of the Board of Management of the Wigan Infirmary to add to the building an infectious block for the treatment of cases of an infectious nature, which develop in the Infirmary, and a new building for this purpose was recently declared open for the reception of patients, by Dr. Berry, the Chairman of the Board of Management. It forms a small separate hospital, situated on the slope of a hill, and is approached by a broad drive. On either side of the hall is an ante-room, one of which opens into the male and the other into the female ward. Each ward contains four beds, and is 24 feet long by 22 feet wide, and has a circular ceiling. The sanitary block is separated in each case from the wards by a short passage having cross ventilation. In opening the new building Dr. Berry said that its provision had been forced on the Board of Management by the recommendations of the Medical Board. Unfortunately, the funds of the institution were not sufficient to cover the expenditure incurred. He hoped they had persons in the neighbourhood with sufficient means to enable them to discharge the debt on the block which had cost in round figures £5,000. If any one would give that sum towards clearing off the debt they would be only too delighted to give the new hospital the name of the donor.

Dr. Berry also expressed his thanks to Mr. Taberner, the Secretary and Superintendent, and to Miss MacIntyre, the able Matron of the infirmary for attending to the general arrangements and the furnishing of the hospital which had been carried out with great care.

Provision has been made for the accommodation of the nurses by a duty room, which is placed between the two wards, and has a window looking into each. On the same floor are the ward kitchen and stores, while the upper floor contains bedrooms for nurses and servants, with a bathroom for their use. Practical proof of the need for the new building was given in the announcement of the Chairman that there were infectious cases waiting to be placed in the wards as soon as they were opened.

The Plumbers' Registration Bill.

On the motion of Lord Glenesk, the Plumbers' Registration Bill has been read for a third time in the House of Lords and passed. Already many well qualified master and operative plumbers have presented themselves for examination by the Worshipful Company of Plumbers, and applied for Registration.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales paid a private visit to Guy's Hospital on Saturday afternoon, spending between two and three hours in inspecting the wards and other departments of the institution. The Prince and Princess took the opportunity of speaking to several patients invalided after service in South Africa, and on leaving the hospital expressed to the treasurer their satisfaction in observing the great progress made in the work of renovation and reconstruction since their last visit about five years ago.

The King having intimated to the Lord Mayor that he desired to give £30,000 to entertain the "very poor" of London to a dinner in celebration of his Majesty's Coronation, a meeting of the Mayors of London Boroughs was held at the Mansion House on Tuesday, and a committee was chosen to arrange the details for complying with His Majesty's wish.

Her Royal Highness Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll and the Duke of Argyll again visited Liverpool last week and opened the "David Lewis" Northern Hospital, built by the David Lewis legatees at a cost of £130,000. Hospital accommodation is provided for two hundred and twenty patients. The Lord Mayor, president of the hospital, accepted the buildings on behalf of the trustees. The Lord Mayor in asking her Royal Highness to declare the hospital open, presented her with a gold key with a diamond and turquoise head bearing the Royal coat of arms, garter and motto. The head of the key can be used as a brooch or pendant. Her Royal Highness, amid cheers, said she felt it to be a very proud moment that it had fallen to her lot to declare that hospital open. The Princess afterwards received a large number of purses on behalf of the hospital funds, the total amount contained in them being £1,605.

At the Annual General Meeting of the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, it was stated that the provision of better accommodation for the nursing staff was a matter of vital necessity, and a nurses' home was to be built within the precincts of the hospital at a cost of from £8,000 to £9,000. During his stay in London Professor Koch inspected the hospital, and left on record his very decided impression that the work performed at the hospital had his heartiest appreciation.

The first ambulance for horses is already in course of construction for Our Dumb Friends League, and an urgent appeal is made for subscriptions to keep the horse ambulance in work. A special appeal has also been issued for a fund amounting to £5,000 for the establishment of a National Animals' Hospital, to which a large sum of money is promised if the amount mentioned can be raised by Coronation Day.

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