

Hospital at Providence, R.I.; who, upon the suggestion of their far-seeing physician and superintendent, Dr. G. Alden Blumer, have decided to eliminate wholly from their official title the words "for the insane." As is properly pointed out in the last report of the hospital just issued, although the institution is devoted to the treatment of one special form of disease, this is not so distinct from other forms, either in etiology or in symptomatology, as is ordinarily believed. The institution aims to be truly a hospital and not merely a place of confinement or detention for irresponsible persons.

There still exists among many people a notion that there is attached to those who are so unfortunate as to suffer from insanity some stigma that is accentuated by residence and treatment in a hospital, just as there lingers in some remote quarters a prejudice to ward hospitals in general. The enlightened action of the trustees of the Butler Hospital cannot be too highly commended and is deserving of general imitation. This would go far to correct the false views that exist in this connection and would give an impetus to the institutional treatment of cases of the kind at the earliest possible moment, for it must be admitted that, while in the abstract there may be reasons why it would be desirable to conduct the treatment at home, few families can provide the facilities and the resources that are at command in a well-equipped hospital.

New Preparations, Inventions, &c.

MALTOVA.

This is a new and valuable preparation, which, as its name implies, consists of extract of malt combined with a concentrated preparation of fresh eggs. It is very agreeable to the taste, and is taken well both by children and invalids. The malt being a powerful digestive agent, and the egg containing in the most easily digested form the most perfect albuminous food, it is obvious that this particular combination is a food of the highest value both for the sick and for the healthy; for overtired brain workers as well as delicate and ill-nourished children. Although new foods are constantly being produced, it is well to emphasise the fact that there are comparatively few which have so wide a field of utility as this, because there are few of which the constituents are so easily digestible as well as so nutritious. All nurses know by experience that many children and invalids are unable to take some much-vaunted and very nourishing preparations because, their digestive powers being enfeebled by illness, they cannot easily assimilate their food; and so heartburn and other gastric symptoms occur, and the food has to be discontinued. For its easy digestibility, then, we believe that Maltova will be found to be widely useful, and we commend it to the notice of trained nurses, to whom the dietary of their patients is nowadays so largely left by the medical adviser. It can be obtained from any chemist, or direct from the Maltova Food Company, 11, New Station Street, Leeds.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Lord Windsor presided at the annual meeting in the new buildings of the Belgrave Hospital for Children, which adjoins St. Mark's Church, Kennington. He stated that over £30,000 had been subscribed, and that about £20,000 more was required to complete the buildings. The site was suitable for 80 beds, but the committee had decided to build the hospital block by block in order to avoid incurring debt.

Princess Henry of Battenberg has consented to become a patron of the Royal Hospital for Children and Women, Waterloo Bridge Road, S.E., now rebuilding in memory of Queen Victoria, and has named one of the new wards "The Princess Beatrice."

A grand open-air fête in aid of the Victoria Hospital for Children which is to be held on July 2nd in the Ranelagh Gardens, Queen's Road, Chelsea, promises to be a great success. H.R.H. the Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, will lay the foundation-stone at 2 o'clock and afterwards preside at the flower-stall.

There are indications from the amount already received that the collection made on Hospital Sunday for the metropolitan hospitals will far exceed any previous sum received through this organisation.

A new wing, which has been in course of construction several years, was recently opened at the Huddersfield Infirmary. The Infirmary was founded over seventy years ago at a cost of £7,500. Additions have been erected at intervals since, and with the completion of the latest undertaking there has been an outlay within the past few years of £37,600. This included £15,000 which the Infirmary Board of Governors incurred and raised prior to a gift of £8,000 by Colonel E. Hildred Carlisle, in commemoration of Queen Victoria's long reign. Some time after this generous gift had been announced an anonymous donor (generally supposed to be Col. Carlisle) contributed £7,000 towards the extension fund, and there now only remains to be raised about £2,000 to release the Governors from debt. The Infirmary has now accommodation for 140 beds. Very fine surgical work is done in this hospital, and we have grateful recollections of being taught how to bandage by an expert in that art, trained at the Huddersfield Infirmary a quarter of a century ago.

The Mayor of Dover has received an intimation from the King permitting the new hospital at Dover to be named the Royal Victoria Hospital.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Sick Children, Dyke Road, Brighton, at a meeting had the pleasure of accepting a generous offer of 500 guineas from Mr. Baily, sen. (through Mr. Charles Chetwode Baily), for investment in the special endowment fund for the endowment of a cot in the hospital in perpetuity in memory of the late Mr. W. O. Baily, his son.

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