

## The Hospital World.

### THE ESTABLISHMENT FOR GENTLEWOMEN.

In these days of small incomes, and the increasing expense of nursing in illness, it is of interest to remember that at 90, Harley Street, there is a Home where ladies of limited means can receive medical and surgical treatment and nursing care during temporary illness on extremely moderate terms. The Home was founded in 1850 by Viscountess Canning, so that it has had over half a century of useful service, and, as is generally known, was organised and started by Miss Nightingale.

It is specially intended for the wives, daughters, and sisters of clergymen, and of naval, military and professional men, as well as for governesses and artists.

There are certain forms to be gone through before a patient can be received into the Home. She has to fill in a paper stating that she is unable to pay medical fees, or the usual expenses of a surgical operation, to enclose a certificate from her ordinary medical attendant, and a letter from someone who has known her for a certain number of years. Someone is also required to guarantee the weekly sum chargeable for board, lodging, and medicine, and, if necessary, to remove the patient within forty-eight hours during her lifetime, or otherwise, if called upon to do so. Then there is a medical certificate which has to be filled in, sealed, and enclosed to the medical officer at 90, Harley Street.

The weekly payments, exclusive of personal laundry, are:—

For a bed in a cubicle room, £1 1s.; in a single room, £2 2s.; for operation cases, £2 5s. 6d.

Any member of the staff of a general London Hospital, many recommend patients for admission, and take charge of them himself (with the assistance of the visiting staff) provided that his medical attendance is gratuitous. It is optional for the surgeon to select his own anaesthetist. Those patients who are not under the care of their own physician or surgeon are treated by the visiting staff, who, when necessary, call in a member of the Hon. Consulting Staff. The management is in the hands of an Executive, which is composed entirely of ladies; there is also a ladies' committee, and a finance committee.

The Home is at present closed for cleaning, but will re-open on October 1st.

### THE GERMAN HOSPITAL IN YOKOHAMA.

The celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the German Naval Hospital in Yokohama was attended by nearly the whole German colony in Tokio and Yokohama, the German Ambassador, and members of the Legation with their wives, the Austrian and Netherlands Consuls-General, representatives of the Japanese authorities, and Vice-Admiral Geissler, and the officer of S. M. S. Furst Bismarck.

## Reflections.

### FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Visiting Committee of the Hammersmith Board of Guardians has made a report to the Guardians as to the prevalence of consumption in the Leavesden Asylum. At the present time seventeen Hammersmith patients are in the asylum, and three of them are attacked by the disease. Out of 310 deaths in 1900, 105 were from tuberculosis. This condition is attributed by the Committee to the distribution of "untreated" sewage upon the land where the patients take their walks. The Committee add:—

"In order that the Board of Guardians might realise exactly what your committee understand is taking place, it may be well to explain that a portion of the estate is arable (say about twelve or fourteen acres), immediately adjoining one side of the asylum, and that on it there are two tanks or cesspools, one of them being near the building, and from this tank the whole of the sewage is distributed upon the land, and immediately round this land is the airing ground for the patients." In addition to consumptive imbeciles, "it is by no means rare for cows to develop consumption during the one season they are allowed to remain on the estate." It is said that no less than 80,000 gallons of sewage are worked off on the fourteen acres surrounding the Asylum.

The Vicar of Sonning, near Reading (Canon Holmes), recently took the chair at a well-attended meeting of working-men convened to discuss the question, "How can the Villages help the Hospital?" Canon Holmes reminded the meeting of the success which had attended Mr. Barnett's scheme for enabling the working-men of Reading to contribute to the hospital funds. He expressed his belief that the working-men in the country were every bit as keen as the working-men in towns, and suggested that what the shops did in Reading the cottages and servants' halls might do in villages. He pointed out that if only fifty houses in Sonning contributed 1d. a week, a sum of £10 could be sent from one small village to help the hospital—a sum which he thought should be greatly exceeded. After a very interesting discussion, it was decided to give the scheme a trial in Sonning, and a committee of working-men was appointed to carry out the details. The committee propose to ascertain how many households will be willing to take hospital collection-boxes. Collectors will be employed to empty the boxes once a quarter, and it is hoped that by the end of a year the working people in the village will prove that their interest in the hospital is not less than that of the working-men in the town. The Vicar was instructed to ask that the same proportion of tickets might be received in return for the money collected as the hospital grants to the Reading working-men—tickets which would be sent to and distributed by the committee of management.

Mr. Richard Crawley has bequeathed £1,000 to the Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital.

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