

### The Hospital World.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES HOME FOR INCURABLES, LEAMINGTON.

Eighteen years ago—how time flies—it fell to my lot to take temporary charge of the Home for Incurables, Leamington, during the annual leave of the Matron, and ever since I have taken the warmest interest in the institution. I had just taken my certificate at a big London hospital, and the contrast between the work in its busy wards and that of the quiet restful atmosphere of the beautiful Home at Leam-

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At that time there were only forty patients in the Home, now, since the new wing was opened in June last, there are 120 and sorely the beds are needed. There is no class of people who need skilled care more than the many chronic and

incurable sufferers who are to be found, alas, in every town and in every village. Yet, as the Chairman, the Rev. H. W. H. Green, pointed out at the opening of the new wing—built as a memorial to the late Chairman, General Radcliffe—whereas almost every town in England has its general hospital for the cure of disease, all of them doing excellent and much needed work, the Midland Counties Home is almost the only, and certainly by far the largest institution in the whole of the Midland District which makes it its business to care for incurable patients. He



THE GARDEN OF THE MIDLAND COUNTIES HOME FOR INCURABLES.

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