

The Hospital World.

THE ROYAL NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION FOR IRELAND.

The Royal National Hospital for Consumption, Newcastle, co. Wicklow, is an institution which is doing an excellent work for patients suffering from Pulmonary Consumption in its incipient or early stages. The Lady Superintendent is Miss J. G. Powell, who was trained at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, and at one time held the position of Matron of Mercer's Hospital in that city.

The number of beds in the hospital is 100, all of which are fully occupied, but this ac-

to be found in Ireland to-day. The numbers of such cases, and the widely spread localities from which they come, suggest that nothing short of local Sanatoria in every, or nearly every county in Ireland, would meet the pressing needs of the situation. It is evident therefore, that the Royal National Hospital for Consumption, which is coping with a problem of such magnitude, is worthy of all support. The expenses entailed in the treatment of consumptives, who require a very liberal dietary, are necessarily heavy.

In addition to the direct benefits which it has conferred on many individuals, the Hospital has also been an educating influence,



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commodation falls far short of the demands upon it, as many as 50 patients being often on the register awaiting their turn for admission, a state of things which is necessarily prejudicial to the welfare of the patients who, when at length admitted, are in a less favourable condition to undergo treatment, their chances of recovery being consequently lessened.

The Board states that the inadequacy of the accommodation to meet the demand for admission remains a serious difficulty. It is evident that no single institution could, within manageable limits, be of sufficient capacity to meet the demands upon it of the thousands of consumptive patients, who unhappily are

which must be productive of much benefit to the community.

The organisation of Linen Leagues in connection with hospitals, the objects of which are to supply a certain quantity of linen each year, or a sum of money to be expended in the purchase of the articles required, is becoming increasingly popular, and most useful societies they are. There is a flourishing one in connection with the hospital under consideration managed by a committee of ladies, which has Presidents and Vice-Presidents in many counties. Last year the League contributed no less than 1,506 articles to the hospital of over £100 in value, while the subscriptions amounted to £31 9s.

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