

The Hospital World.

THE ADAMS WYLIE HOSPITAL, BOMBAY.

A private hospital in Bombay, which is doing excellent work is the Adams-Wylie Hospital, founded by an English lady in memory of her husband, Captain C. Adams-Wylie, I.M.S., who died at Bloemfontein during the South African War. After his death, Mrs. Wylie associated herself with the plague work in Bombay, and next, says a contemporary, managed a municipal hospital for roadside cases suffering from diseases caused by famine hardships.

The hospital was doing such excellent work that Mrs. Wylie offered to replace the temporary sheds by a permanent building, but the municipality was averse to accepting the responsibility for another permanent hospital, so she determined to build one herself in memory of her late husband, and this was opened in July, 1902, by his Excellency Lord Northcote, a committee of management was appointed, and for a time Mrs. Wylie defrayed the cost of maintenance, about 10,000 rupees annually; later, a fund of about a lakh of rupees was contributed, chiefly by the Parsi community in Bombay. Mrs. Wylie, who is now married again, to Captain Doughty, still contributing half the expenses, *i.e.*, about 5,000 rupees annually.

The latest development of the hospital is the erection of a separate ward for phthisical patients, for which purpose a donation of 25,000 rupees was given by Mrs. Awabai F. Petit. The ward which is known as "The Nusserwanji Petit Ward for Phthisical Patients" is the first in India for the isolation of consumptive patients, and thus, as well as conferring a benefit on the patients treated there, it should act as an educational agency, demonstrating the necessity for eliminating phthisical patients from the general wards of hospitals. The ward was opened recently by his Excellency the Governor of Bombay, Sir George Sydenham Clarke. It will accommodate eight patients, and is open on all sides. His Excellency the Governor, after visiting the hospital, made the following entry in the Hospital Visitors' Book: "I have had great pleasure in visiting this hospital and opening the Petit Ward. I regard this isolation of phthisis cases as essential. I shall have great pleasure in giving 200 rupees to an excellent charity, as a small tribute of interest and appreciation." The cost of a bed is 180 rupees a year. The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer is Mr. S. P. Wadia, 85, Malabar Hill, Bombay.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

Mr. John Burns, the President of the Local Government Board, accompanied by Mr. J. T. Helby, the Chairman of the Metropolitan Asylums' Board, has been going the round of a number of asylums, fever hospitals, imbecile hospitals, and cripples' homes which are under the control of the Local Government Board.

At a quarterly and special Court of Governors, held at the London Hospital last week, it was reported that as a result of the quinquennial appeal, the sum of £64,789 had been received in cash up to date, and other contributions, amounting to £8,468, had been promised, making a total of £73,266. Also that the committee had instructed the secretary to report on the out-patient systems in vogue at other hospitals. As a result, it had been decided to appoint three lady almoners to do all inquiry work. The duties of the almoners will be not only to stop hospital abuse, but to be a link with the various charitable agencies outside the hospital, so as to better organise the charitable relief of the poor.

Mr. J. E. Hole has been appointed Secretary to the London Skin Hospital, Fitzroy Square, W., in succession to Mr. J. H. Tyler, who has been appointed secretary and manager to the Royal Hants County Hospital, at Winchester.

Much interest was excited among the spectators on the platform at Waterloo Station on Monday, when the first contingent of fifteen cripple children left London for the Lord Mayor Treloar's Cripple's Home and College at Alton, Hampshire. Dr. Gauvain, resident medical officer at the Home, and trained nurses, travelled down with the children, who were met at Alton Station by Sir William and Lady Treloar.

Sir Alfred Jones, Chairman of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, is making arrangements to despatch an exhibition to Jamaica to investigate tropical diseases there and the insect life of the island, which is responsible for carrying disease. It is intended to send Mr. Robert Newstead, A.L.S., F.E.S., the lecturer in Economic Entomology and Parasitology of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, to Jamaica, in the first week of November to undertake the investigation, and he will probably be accompanied by a medical research expert, whose duties would be to investigate the indigenous diseases of the island.

As illustrating how the vitality of an athlete can be sustained by proper feeding we would draw the attention of our readers to the recent record Channel swim of Mr. T. W. Burgess, the Yorkshire swimmer, who, after an effort lasting 22½ hours, during which period 60 miles in the Channel were covered, had a temperature of 97.3 degs., and a pulse recording 85 per minute. During this attempt to beat the Channel Mr. Burgess was regularly fed with Bovril and other foods prepared by Bovril, Ltd.

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