

## The Hospital World.

### THE LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL.

A NEW aseptic ward, named after the late Mr. Frank Wright, was opened at this hospital on Tuesday last, by Lady Battersea, in the presence of a number of friends and well-wishers of the institution. As the ward itself is not large enough to admit all those who were present, the speeches took place in the children's ward, at the end of which a platform was erected for the occasion.

A representative of the NURSING RECORD was favoured with a private view of the ward, and very charming it is. It is to be used for any major operation cases, and is constructed after the most approved of modern ideas.

There is not a ledge anywhere (excepting the mantelpiece) where a germ can find a momentary resting place. The walls and ceiling are lined with enamelled glass tiles of a pretty pinkish mauve colour, and the floor is of terrazza. All the angles are rounded. The door of the ward is of glass, set in a wooden frame, but the glass is flush with the frame, and the frame with the wall. The fireplace and hearth are tiled, the fire irons are of copper and brass, and the coal box of hammered copper. The bedstead is a Gorham one, but a most superior Gorham, being entirely of brass. The one chair which finds admission to this ideal ward is made of aluminium. The furniture is designed and given by Miss Wilson, the Ward Sister.

The stand for the dressings, made by Messrs. Down Bros., of St. Thomas's Street, Borough, is composed of glass and brass, the top part being an air-tight glass box, in which the dainty dressings and surgical requisites appear to great advantage. Two other glass tables, one for surgical purposes, and the other presumably for the patient's bedside, complete the furniture. The ward is very light, a huge sheet of glass (we hope the London Temperance Hospital insures its plate glass!) being inserted in the wall facing the road. Over this are ventilators which may be opened if necessary, but it is not considered that it will be needful to use these. Fresh air can be admitted from outside by an arrangement about half-way up the wall, by means of which a strong current of air, filtered through cotton wool, can be turned on at will. The theory is held, that if fresh air be admitted the bad air is bound to find its way out; whether this theory will be sustained when put to practical proof, or whether it will be found necessary to open the ventilators from time to time, is a point upon which we shall be interested to receive information after the ward has been used.

The window can, if necessary, be shaded by a green blind, but nurses who in their probationer days systematically climbed the window ledges round their ward and swept and dusted the blinds, will be interested to hear that the blind is *outside*.

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



With reference to the award of £2581 5s. from the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London, the committee of University College Hospital desire to point out that of this sum £1400 is allocated out of the income of the fund in order to encourage the committee to take in hand the work of keeping open at least twenty-five out of the fifty beds recently closed.

The collections made in London churches and chapels for the Hospital Sunday Fund in 1897 are less by £3000 than those made in 1896. It will be seen that the contributions of the Church of England are more than three-fourths of the whole amount collected:— Church of England, £29,635 17s. 2d.; Congregationalists, £1622 1s. 6d.; Jews, £1606 8s.; Presbyterians, £1010; Wesleyans, £909 19s. 6d.; Baptists, £866 5s. 7d.; Roman Catholics, £395 12s. 5d.; Unitarians, £355 5s. 9d.; Foreign Protestants, £107 1s. 1d.; German Lutherans, £106 10s.; Church of Scotland, £105 16s.; Society of Friends, £102 2s. 1d.; Greek Church, £93 9s. 6d.; Catholic Apostolic, £61 5s. 1d.; Reformed Episcopal Church, £39 2s. 1d.; Methodists (United Free Church), £27 5s. 10d.; Methodists (Welsh Calvinistic), £25 0s. 4d.; Swedenborgians, £24 14s. 8d.; Methodists (Primitive), £14 10s. 11d.; Free Church of England, £12 10s. 7d.; Moravians, £2 17s.; Methodists (New Connection), £1 5s. 6d.; Various, £248 19s. 3d.; total, £37,373 19s. 10d. St. Michael's, Chester Square, again heads the list with £1326, Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, coming next with £1201 10s. 9d.

This is the year of the quinquennial appeal for the London Hospital, and it has begun with a boom—£2000 from an anonymous donor, and the magnificent sum of £25,000 having been promised by a friend of the Chairman, Mr. Sydney Holland, who also prefers to remain unknown. It has been stipulated that the money should be devoted to building a much-needed new out-patient department outside the hospital, for which the site will cost £6000.

The anonymous donor has added two conditions, both of which will arouse discussion in the Hospital World. One is, that the out-patients should pay some small sum towards the cost, not of treatment, but of the medicines and bandages supplied; and the other is that hospital letters should be abolished for the future. The first condition we hope may be withdrawn; we do not approve of a twopenny out-patient tax, as it is in no way the value of the goods received, especially with skilled medical and nursing treatment thrown in; but the second condition will, we believe, obtain the support of experienced hospital managers.

"Hibernia" writes to the *Morning Post* to draw attention to the fact that our sick soldiers in Military Hospitals, although quite capable of eating a good Christmas dinner, do not get the chance to do so, and continues: "It may be interesting to recall that the soldiers in hospital had no Jubilee treat. While every pauper in every workhouse infirmary was rejoicing in allowances of tobacco and endless festivities, not a

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