

divided London. The Committee hopes to induce some of the different hospitals to introduce many useful internal reforms. We have written on two separate occasions to the Secretary of the Prince of Wales's Fund for information as to the names of those who had been deputed to perform this responsible work of investigation. But the information—the right of the public who furnish the funds—has not been forthcoming. We are always in determined opposition to inquisitorial methods, and consider private inquiries by self-appointed persons into public institutions, savours of this anti-British system.

The Royal Victoria Cottage Nursing Home at Ascot was opened by the Duchess of Albany on Tuesday.

On Wednesday the 6th inst., Viscountess Portman performed the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the nurses' home in connection with Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Marylebone Road. The site of the new building is at the corner of Stamford Street and Marylebone Road, and is nearly opposite the hospital. The Bishop of Marlborough conducted the religious service, and a choir of nurses of the hospital led the singing, which included that of the 127th Psalm and the hymn "All people that on earth do dwell." In the course of his address of welcome Lord Hardwicke (the chairman) said that on account of the increased demands on the hospital accommodation for patients, the whole of the nursing staff were accommodated in temporary quarters outside. The building now in course of erection would provide accommodation for all the nurses, and it would further possess the great advantage of being adjacent to the hospital. The plans also provided for a residence for medical students attending the hospital course of instruction. Since the reorganisation of the training school in 1875, more than 3,400 midwives and nurses had been trained at the hospital and over 1,000 medical students had attended a course of instruction. £6,000 is still required to complete the new building.

Mr. W. T. Holmes Spicer, ophthalmic surgeon to the Metropolitan Hospital and to the Victoria Hospital for Children, has been appointed assistant surgeon to the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields.

The foundation-stone of the new wing of the Midland Counties Home for Incurables at Leamington was laid last week by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham. The extension scheme is being carried out by sections at a total cost of £17,000. The first two sections now in hand will cost £7,500, including building and furnishing. When the work is completed provision will have been made for thirty-three additional patients, and new kitchen and additional servants' accommodation will have been provided. The present extension includes a men's wing.

Most of the houses and offices of Manila have tiny panes of translucent oyster shell for glass. An average window is 6ft. long by 4ft. wide, and contains 260 shell panes, which temper the heat of the sun and prevent blindness.

Plague hospitals have now been provided for patients of all sections of the community in Calcutta. Except that the supply of domestic servants is still insufficient, the city is resuming its normal condition. Deaths from the plague up to date number 128.

## The Nurses' Missionary Association.

(In aid of the Medical Mission Work of the S.P.C.K.)

A most interesting Loan Exhibition and Sale of Work, organized by the Nurses' Missionary Society in commemoration of the Bi-centenary, and in aid of the Medical Missions of the S.P.C.K., was held in the spacious rooms of that society on Monday, July 7th.

The opening ceremony was performed by Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, who was received by Lord Cross at the Northumberland Avenue entrance, and before declaring the sale open, the Committee of the Nurses' Association were presented to the Princess, amongst them being, Mrs. Percy Leake, the able honorary secretary, Miss Victoria Jones, the late Matron of Guy's Hospital, and Miss Ireland Blackburne. Princess Christian then made a tour of the stalls, accompanied by Lord Cross, Dr. Wace, and Mrs. Percy Leake, which were charmingly arranged, draped in pink and white muslin. The following ladies kindly acted as stall holders:—The Lady Mary Cooke and Miss Cooke, china and embroidery; Mrs. McClure, leather, etchings, pottery and antiques; Lady Cooke and Miss Janette Powell, fancy; The Lady Jessie Scott, Mrs. Gubbings, and Miss Gregory, useful articles; Mrs. Wace, fancy; Mrs. W. O. B. Allen and Mrs. Maurice Hewlett, tea and refreshments. The show of Canti Galli china and the artistic leather work at Mrs. McClure's stall was greatly admired; as were also the original sketches by the following well-known artists:—Mr. Charles Robinson, Mrs. Reginald Hallward, Mrs. E. Farmiloe, and Mr. J. W. Morgan. A handsome sum of money was realised for charity.

The Nurses' Missionary Association was founded by Miss Brookes, of Alnmouth, Northumberland, herself a trained nurse, with the object of interesting professional and trained nurses in the cause of Medical Missions in connection with the Church of England. The Association entrusts such moneys as it collects to the Medical Missions Committee of the S.P.C.K., which employs them in the three following directions:—

1. In assisting to train students for Medical Mission work.
2. In helping towards the building and furnishing of Hospitals and Dispensaries.
3. In giving grants for the maintenance of Medical Missions.

Help has thus been given to Church of England Medical Missions in India, China, Japan, Corea; in different parts of Africa; in Palestine, and North America.

Although the subscription is only one shilling, £125 was contributed to this good work by the

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