

**The Hospital World.****THE CITY ORTHOPÆDIC HOSPITAL.**

THE City Orthopædic Hospital, Hatton Garden, has, since 1851, been doing useful work amongst the poor of the City, and amongst that class so much to be pitied, those suffering from bodily deformities, and sorely handicapped in the battle of life, in which, even the able-bodied and strong find it difficult in these days of keen competition to earn a living wage.

The Hospital is, unfortunately, badly in need of funds, but so sorely were alterations needed, that, with regard to the out-patient department at least, the alternative which the Committee had to face was closing or re-building. In view of the urgent need they chose the latter, and new out-patient rooms, and a small dispensary have now been added. Two new wards—one for males, and the other for females—have also been built, and at the top of the building a new operating room, equipped after the latest approved methods.

The enlarged hospital was recently opened by the Duke of Cambridge, the new out-patient hall being used for the opening ceremony. The musical part of the function was undertaken by the organist and choir of the Chapel Royal, and was much appreciated, while the gorgeous red and gold uniform of the boys added not a little to the brightness of the occasion.

Although much has recently been done to improve this hospital, more yet remains to be done. A new sitting-room for the nurses is one of the recent additions, but their bed-room accommodation is still uncomfortably close, provision being made for them in large rooms divided by curtains. Cupboard accommodation seems also conspicuous by its absence. When *will* architects learn that it makes all the difference in the comfort of a hospital, and, indeed, of any house, if provision for storage is considered? Presumably not until we have women architects for the appreciation of roomy cupboards, so universal in women, does not seem to exist in the mere male.

And surely it was a man who painted over the beautiful oak panelling and carving which exists in the older part of the building, with cream coloured paint. The barbarity of it! An interesting room is that in which models of deformities, which have been treated at this Hospital, before and after treatment, are shown. One realizes the benefit of special hospitals, and the gratitude which must be felt by the many patients who enter the hospital deformed and disfigured, and who leave it straight and whole.

**Reflections**

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



It will be remembered that the first block of new-buildings of the London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women was opened a little more than a year ago by the Princess of Wales. The second wing is now almost completed, at a cost of £8,000. Yet a third wing is to be erected, which it is hoped will be ready for use in October, 1900, which will provide accommodation for about seventeen students. From £12,000 to £15,000 is required to complete the work, and to replace capital which has been used. We hope that those who realise the value of the work of medical women will subscribe so liberally that there may be no deficit when the buildings are completed.

The Director-General of the British Army Medical Service has requested the Surgeon-General of the United States Army to forward to him 300 copies of a publication entitled "Sanitary Lessons of the War," which have been drawn from the reports of the Medical Department in the late Spanish-American War.

Fleet-Surgeon Delmege, M.D., of the Royal yacht *Osborne*, has been appointed Honorary Physician to the Prince of Wales, in succession to the late Sir Alexander Armstrong.

Mr. George Newsome, Chairman, and the whole of the Committee of the Liverpool Hospital for Cancer and Skin Diseases, have resigned, and intimated their intention not to accept re-election or to serve on the Committee any longer. They have issued a circular to the subscribers giving their reasons for this step. A new Committee has been appointed.

It is asserted that the process of arresting decomposition after death, according to Dr. Rechter's recent discovery, is now being tested at the Brussels Hospital with complete success. A body which, when placed last week in the preserving chamber, had reached an advanced stage of decomposition, is now in an excellent state of preservation, thus placing beyond doubt the utility of Dr. Rechter's method.

The plague at Oporto continues, and is said to be of a grave form and of a pulmonary nature. From China it is reported that plague is slightly on the increase at Newchang, and the death of a Creole at Tamatave from this disease has caused much alarm in Madagascar. A considerable number of fatal cases are also reported from Mauritius.

Dr. Fielding Ould is proceeding to Sierra Leone immediately, under the auspices of the Liverpool School of Tropical Diseases, to assist in the investigations which are being pursued in connection with the malarial mosquito.

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