

The Victoria House, Berlin.*

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On Landsberger Allee, in the north-western part of Berlin, stands a stately building, on its facade the escutcheons of the Empress Frederick, and of the City of Berlin. Over the door is carved the name "Victoria House." It is the home and school of the Victoria House Sisters; and directly opposite to it lies the great city hospital of Friedrichshain, which is the special field of their labours. Victoria House was the creation of Her Majesty the

Empress Frederic. On founding it the imperial lady was actuated by two purposes: one, to open to educated women a congenial, purposeful, and

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well remunerated calling and to provide for them an assured future and a home; the other, to elevate the work of nursing the sick to a higher plane by emphasizing its intellectual side, and, through careful selection of candidates and

by thorough teaching in theory and practice, to make this calling all that it should be—the acknowledged and indispensable complement of the physician's work.

The Empress built and endowed the House with funds accruing to her from the City of Berlin; chose a woman of unusual character and intellectual ability, Fraulein Luise Fuhrmann, as the head of the School, and appointed a Board of Directors to organize the work. Through their



THE EMPRESS FREDERIC OF GERMANY.

Founder and Protectress of the Victoria House, Berlin.

successful management has grown up the "Victoria House Association for Providing Skilled Nurses for the Sick," having the friendly co-operation of the city authorities, and centering in this Home, which outwardly and inwardly

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