

The Hospital World.**THE BISHOP OF LONDON AT THE
CANCER HOSPITAL.**

On Saturday last the Bishop of London visited the Cancer Hospital, Fulham Road, and unveiled a window which has been placed in the chapel in memory of its founder, Dr. William Marsden, who, it will be remembered, also founded the Royal Free Hospital. It is characteristic of both institutions that the only qualifications for admission are illness and necessity, and for the adoption of this system many thousands of the poor have had reason to bless Dr. Marsden.

The window has been erected by the Cordwainers' Company, of which Dr. Marsden was Master at the time of the foundation of the Hospital, about 50 years ago. It has three lights, the centre one representing St. Luke, the beloved physician, with a small group below showing the raising of Jairus' Daughter. In the side lights are St. Cosmo and St. Damian. The window has been designed and executed by Messrs. Clayton and Bell, upon whom it reflects great credit.

In the course of a short service, conducted by the Chaplain of the Hospital, the Rev. F. W. Wilkinson, the Bishop drew aside the curtain which concealed the window and solemnly dedicated it "to the Glory of God, and in memory of William Marsden."

The Bishop gave a short address, standing in front of the altar, and under the window. He said that he was glad to be there, for he was very anxious to assist in any movement calculated to draw more closely together the two great healing professions. Both traced their origin to the Saviour—the great Healer and Preacher, and it was noteworthy that for a thousand years the house-governor of every hospital was the Bishop of the Diocese. Though that was now impossible, he loved to think that there was still a connection between the two professions, and he assured the doctors and nurses that as Bishop of the Diocese, his blessing would ever be upon them, and that he should regard them as co-workers. He knew from long experience what such hospitals were doing for the poor of London, and once in that very hospital he had sat up all night with a poor parishioner from Bethnal Green, whose last hours were made easier by the attention he received from the doctors and nurses. He also spoke of the pathetic and romantic origin of the hospital, and of the loving sympathy, sound common sense, and wonderful perseverance of its founder.

The service then closed with the episcopal benediction.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The *Queen Alexandra*, the new hospital steamer built by the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen for service with the North Sea fishing fleets, has just been successfully launched from Messrs. Hawthorn and Co.'s yard at Leith. The vessel, which has been named by special permission after Her Majesty, the Queen, will have accommodation for six in-patients, and is of about 250 tons register.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales have accepted the posts of Grand-President and Lady Grand President respectively of the League of Mercy. Sir Theodore Martin has promised a donation of £50 to the League, the second from him this year.

Smallpox is still claiming an increased number of victims in the Metropolis, and if the experience of the Medical Officer of Health for the Stepney Borough Council is common, small wonder this disease keeps spreading. This gentleman reports a third case of smallpox in Wentworth Street, Whitechapel, since the return of a patient from the smallpox ships, and in a long report on this new outbreak says he has no hesitation in saying that the original patient carried infection home from the hospitals, either through being discharged too soon, or through the clothing being insufficiently disinfected. Our nurse friends at Gore Farm expect a busy winter's work with smallpox patients.

We are informed that the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital is again faced by a demand for rates similar to that from which only the benevolence of the public relieved it last year. In spite of the Report of the Select Committee of the House of Commons, delivered so long ago as 1900, there has been no legislation to relieve hospitals from these demands, and the Royal London Ophthalmic will be terribly crippled if extra subscriptions do not enable it to meet that now made without drawing upon its ordinary income. The appeal is signed by Lord Avebury, and subscriptions should be sent to the Secretary at the Hospital, City Road, E.C.

We regret to hear that the finances of the Addenbrooke Hospital at Cambridge are in a deplorable condition. At a recent meeting of the Governors it was stated that failing a permanent endowment of at least £24,000, the number of beds must be reduced. This is a very serious state of affairs, quite apart from the loss of hospital accommodation to the County of Cambridge. For Addenbrooke's Hospital plays a considerable part in the training of students going through a medical course at the University.

The Camberwell Guardians have appointed Miss Helen Sergeant, L.R.C.P.S. Edinburgh, as Public Vaccination Officer.

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