

## The Hospital World.

### A GLIMPSE AT CANADIAN HOSPITALS.

#### THE HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN, TORONTO.

The Queen City of Canada—for beautiful Toronto, situated on the shores of Lake Ontario, is known by this euphonious title—has taken thought of the suffering of her children in a right royal and queenly way, by providing for them a charming pink stone House of Restoration in one of her finest streets, and also a picturesque Palace of Delight away across the blue waters of the Lake, placed on that ever extending bank of golden sand known as The Island, reached within half an hour by steamer, and which has of late years become a restful retreat in summer weather for people city weary, where they have planted their villas, clubs, and cottages, amidst the greenest of trees and lawns.

I am aware that many kind hearts and generous hands have done their part in building and providing these two beautiful hospitals for the sick children of Toronto, but the inspiration to the good work and the energy by which it has been accomplished emanated very largely—as good works so often do—from one heart more warmly sympathetic, and one hand more openly generous, than all the rest, and no one will deny that to Mr. John Ross Robertson, newspaper man and M.P., all the sad and suffering little people in the Queen City are indebted for the best of medical and nursing care—for a cosy, warm nest in winter, for a picturesque green-roofed holiday house in summer—the grounds of which come down to the edge of cool waters, and where, during the hot weather, a joyous, ideal, simple life is possible. Mr. Ross Robertson and Miss Brent, the Lady Superintendent of the Children's Hospitals, welcomed us to Toronto, and combined with other delightful people to make our visit as happy as happy could be.

One day we were shown all over the hospital in town, just then being put in order for the home-coming of the establishment, and the winter's work; and on another occasion we were taken by yacht and landed in wide little boats at the landing-stage of the lovely Lakeside Home on the Island. This place charmed us much, the narrow wooden side-walks over the shimmering dunes, on which tender, pale, purple flowers and silvery green rushes grew, led us right up to the grounds of the Home, a low, wide-spreading bungalow-like building, very gay in colouring, with wide open windows and spacious verandas, and Miss Brent and the resident medical staff,

all dressed in speckless white, did the honours of the Home with the utmost courtesy and kindness.

Just an ideal spot in which to give Mother Nature full swing!

Here the cool breezes are always ablow to modify the warm beaming smile of old King Sol, and nurses and patients pass the time free from all conventional restraint, just sucking in health and strength, as their blooming sun-tanned faces showed. With whoop of joy the children at play fly bare-foot over the bright green lawns, and those at rest have their chairs and cots placed on the shaded verandas from whence they can feast their eyes on the low-lying sunny land and the clear blue waters, over which the yachts skim blithely like great white-winged birds.

It is here that bounteous Hygeia brings gifts for all and sundry, and scatters her jewels with a lavish hand, so that the lame are made to skip like young rams on the everlasting hills; to those who sit in darkness light is given; and the dumb raise up their sweet and tuneful pæans. Dear Hygeia, Goddess most potent—most kind—who weaves her spells with rays of light and waves of air! Happy indeed are those who worship at her shrine.

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## Reflections

### FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



By direction of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra a cheque for £9 1s. 1d. has been forwarded to the Secretary of the British Home and Hospital for Incurables, Streatham, as the result of a further sale of Canon Fleming's Sermon, "Recognition in Eternity," published by Messrs. Skeffington and Sons.

An entertainment in aid of Charing Cross Hospital new Nursing Home, now in course of construction, has been organised by Mrs. Cecil Powney, and will be held in the Ball Room of the Savoy Hotel in the afternoon and evening of February 10th and 11th. The leading attractions will be *tableaux*.

At a Mansion House meeting no less than £64,000 was collected in aid of the fund for renovating and rebuilding Guy's Hospital. A contribution of £20,000 on behalf of the late Mr. H. A. Raphael headed the list. Mr. Pierpont Morgan gave £5,000, and there were also four gifts of £2,000 each, nine of £1,000 each, and eleven of £500 each. But if all the improvements made absolutely necessary by the march of medical science are to be accomplished, this sum must be more than doubled at an early date.

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