

The Hospital World.

THE NEW MILITARY HOSPITAL.

The new Military Hospital at Millbank will, when complete, be one of the finest in the world. The hospital proper is designed on the pavilion principle, and consists of five blocks connected by a corridor which runs at right angles to them and bisects each pavilion. The building stands on three and a-half acres of ground, with a frontage to the river of 600 ft.

The hospital will be equipped in the most thorough manner, and with the most up-to-date appliances. In one room the Röntgen rays are being installed. Here old wounds can be examined for missing bullets. Wards have also been set apart for patients suffering from obscure tropical diseases, which will receive careful investigation and close attention from the members of the medical staff.

One of the principal objects of the new hospital is to act as a special training centre for medical officers of the Army, and on an adjoining site will be built an Army Medical College. When this is completed, all medical officers who join the Army will pass through it and undergo a course of training in the special work which Army doctors are required to perform. This work has hitherto been done at the hospital at Netley, but there are obvious advantages in centralising work of this kind in the Metropolis, both from the point of view of accessibility and also because the best teaching power, which it is, of course, essential to secure for an institution of this kind, gravitates to London. Close to the hospital also will be the Nurses' Home. Presumably the hospital will serve the same purpose in the instruction of nurses as of medical men; that is to say, it will afford special, post-graduate experience to nurses about to enter the Military Nursing Service in the special duties of this branch, and afford them an opportunity of experience in the nursing care of diseases which they are likely to be called upon to nurse in the course of military service, but which are rarely met with in the wards of a general hospital. The new hospital, therefore, has a career of wide usefulness before it, both from the point of view of the care of the sick soldier, and as an educational centre for medical men and nurses.

Metropolitan Street Ambulance Association.

The Metropolitan Street Ambulance Association at its first general meeting on Monday resolved to appoint a deputation to wait on the London County Council with a view to urging that body to undertake the provision of an efficient ambulance service for the Metropolis.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



BEAUTIFUL TABLEAUX VIVANTS.—An entertainment which will consist of a series of tableaux vivants, illustrating the History of the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, and of musical and dramatic performances, is being arranged on a splendid scale in aid of the British Ophthalmic Hospital at Jerusalem, and will be given at His Majesty's Theatre on Tuesday, July 5th, at nine o'clock.

The entertainment is under the patronage of the King and Queen; and the Prince and Princess of Wales, the former being the Grand Prior of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, are to be present. The tableaux will be arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Beerbohm Tree, in conjunction with several eminent artists, including Mr. F. Dicksee, R.A., Mr. Shannon, A.R.A., and Baron Rosenkrantz. Madame Sarah Bernhardt and Herr Kubelik are amongst the distinguished artists who have kindly promised their services. Tickets may be obtained through the Hon. Secretary, Lady Perrott, 53, Onslow Gardens, and Hamilton Gatliffe, Esq., 11, Eaton Square, S.W., or at the box office of His Majesty's Theatre.

GUY'S HOSPITAL REPORT.—The report on the work and finances of Guy's Hospital for 1903, which has just been published by order of the Governors, shows that in the past year all the wards came into use for the first time since 1884, and that the institution ministered to a greater number of sufferers, both in-patients and out-patients, than in any previous year. There were 8,191 patients treated in the wards, of whom 6,632 were discharged as cured or relieved. The total number of out-patients amounted to 128,051 persons, 75,800 of whom were classified under casualties and urgent cases. As regards finance, the treasurer, Mr. H. Cosmo O. Bonsor, regrets the necessity to conclude the report with a continued appeal for funds. The anticipations of last year have not been fully realised, and the burden of debt has increased. The total expenditure was £74,400 0s. 10d., while the deficiency for the year amounts to £27,317 6s. 2d. To this should be added further payments from the sustentation fund account, which brings the aggregate of the year's expenditure to £88,468. This compares favourably with the similar total in 1902—namely, £108,201. Though the diminution occurs under the heading of extraordinary expenditure, the ordinary expenditure underwent but a comparatively slight increase, in spite of the heavy outgoings for ordinary repairs, occasioned by the re-opening and renovation of the medical wards. At the close of 1903 the hospital owed its bankers and others some £41,000, and the amount temporarily withdrawn from the re-endowment fund was close upon £30,000. For the discharge of these liabilities the balance of the renovation and building fund is principally required. This fund, promoted in 1901 for the purpose of raising £180,000 wherewith to meet the cost already incurred on the buildings and renovations and also to raise the ordinary income of the hospital, reached

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