

## The Hospital World.

### THE NEW JENNY LIND INFIRMARY, NORWICH.

Time was when hospitals were built in the centre of towns and cities in order to be in the midst of the dense populations which they serve. Now we are learning wisdom, and remember that fresh air and sunshine, which are of supreme importance to the sick, are in the country free to all, and so it comes to pass that we endeavour to build our hospitals on the outskirts of the cities, where healthful life-giving breezes can flood the wards.

This plan has been adopted at the new Jenny Lind Infirmary, Norwich. Readily accessible to the city by means of a frequent service of tram-cars, the terminus of which is at the hospital gates, it stands in its own grounds, and is surrounded by wide, open spaces. The central block is reserved for administrative purposes and for the Nurses' Home, and on either side of this, connected with it by corridors, are the wards—one medical, the other surgical, where there is light and air in abundance; to these the children from the city near by are brought for treatment and cure, and charming places they are for sick children to dwell in.

The Board Room, which is on the right hand side of the main entrance, is an interesting room containing many mementos of the "Swedish Nightingale," from whom the infirmary takes its name, and to whose generosity it owes so much.

On the way to the medical ward one passes the out-patient department, which is very well arranged, and has a bath room, where all new patients who are allowed to have a tub bath receive it before their admission to the wards, surely a much more sensible plan than taking them through a ward full of children before the process has been accomplished. On the other side of the hospital, outside the surgical ward, is an excellently equipped operating theatre.

A special feature of the wards is that at the further end is a great semi-circular bow big enough to serve as a play-room for the children who are not confined to their cots, where every bit of sunshine there is streams in. Here on the floor is a large, low, square, wicker basket, big enough to hold half-a-dozen or more babies, and when weather permits this same basket is carried through the open doors out into the garden, where, surely, their recuperative powers must have the best chance of assertion. Behind the main building is a necessary annexe of a children's hospital, the isolation block, thus completing the departments of an excellently-arranged and very charming children's hospital.

Just now the hospital is changing its Lady Superintendent, Miss Florence K. Pratt, who was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, having been appointed to the position. Another appointment recently made for the first time is that of a house surgeon—a lady. "We need her with all these critical cases," says the Sister.

## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The King and Queen, during their visit to Cowes, visited the Royal Isle of Wight County Hospital, accompanied by their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught, Princess Beatrice and Princess Henry of Battenberg. Their Majesties were received by Deputy-Governor Cochrane, the Rev. W. Welby, Chairman of the Committee, and Dr. Buck, Senior Medical Officer, and the Matron, Miss Jones. They were specially interested in the children's wing, which was built as a Jubilee memorial of Queen Victoria, and the Queen delighted the little patients by speaking to them individually.

The honorary secretaries of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London have received at the Bank of England the sum of £5,000 from the executors of Mr. Thomas John Bell.

In the House of Commons last week Dr. Thompson asked the First Lord of the Treasury if, in the event of no separate Royal Commission being appointed for Ireland or Scotland, he would take care that a full and searching inquiry into the whole Poor Law systems of both countries would be assured by the investigations of the promised Royal Commission for England. Mr. Balfour replied that he thought the reference to the Commission will enable it to survey the whole problem of the relief of distress.

The amount received this year by the Metropolitan Sunday Fund, as a result of the collections on Sunday, June 25th, inclusive of Mr. Richard Herring's donation, seems likely to reach £78,000. Of this, £75,000 has already been received at the Mansion House.

Sir Alfred Jones, President of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, having offered the services of Professors Ronald Ross and Rubert Boyce to the Mayor of New Orleans in the work of dealing with the outbreak of yellow fever in that city, has received the following telegram in reply:—"Grateful thanks on behalf of the city, and accept co-operation of Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine." The two professors left Liverpool on Saturday last.

Surgeon-General Wyman has stopped all shipment of bananas from New Orleans. The banana cars cannot be fumigated, and it was feared that infected mosquitoes would get into them.

Mr. W. H. Theobald, who has been connected with the Brompton Hospital for Consumption for fifty-one years, retired from the secretaryship last week.

The Board of Management of the Queen's Jubilee Hospital has received £1,000 from the trustees of the late Mr. G. F. Platt.

The fruit left over from the luncheon to the French Fleet officers on Saturday last was forwarded through Major Evans Gordon to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, for the use of the patients.

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