

shall I say expectation, of one day seeing a little group of Indian lady nurses (ones, perhaps, that we have trained), meeting together as we do now, to see how they in their turn can best further the work of improving the standard of nursing among their own sisters? When that day comes we will rejoice, and will gladly, if health and strength permit, go farther afield to the regions beyond, and will feel that our work in India has not been in vain."

The *American Journal of Nursing* says that the Surgeon-General of the United States Navy has asked to have women nurses employed in the Navy Medical Service. He is reported to have said "that women nurses are by natural endowment and aptitude superior to male nurses for much of the duty required in the care of sick and injured men is generally admitted. Every war of modern times has demonstrated this fact. The medical department of the army is now provided with a corps of trained women nurses, and their adaptability to service conditions and efficiency in institutions under military control have been fully established. Their services would be more useful in the naval hospitals, ensuring for the sick of the navy as careful nursing as is now given to the sick of the army.

"Valuable assistance, moreover, in teaching and training the men of the hospital corps their special duties of attendance on the sick could be rendered by them, and in the event of war, besides being utilised on hospital ships, they could, in large part, take the place of the men in the naval hospitals, thereby releasing the latter for service with the force afloat where they would be needed. In the opinion of the Bureau provision should be made for one superintendent of nurses to supervise the discipline of the corps, and as many chief nurses, nurses, and reserve nurses as may be needed, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy. In time of peace the number of such trained women nurses would be very small, but the organisation should be such as to admit of ready expansion to meet extraordinary needs without delay or confusion. The recommendation of the Bureau that Congress be asked to authorise the appointment of trained women nurses has heretofore met with the approval of the department, but necessary legislation has so far failed of enactment."

We would suggest to those of our readers who have consulted us as to learning Esperanto, that they should communicate with Mr. Alfred E. Wackrill, 3, the Oaks, Pattison Road, N.W., who is in the best position to give them advice on this subject.

## The Hospital World.

### THE HAMPSTEAD GENERAL HOSPITAL.

On Saturday last Her Royal Highness Princess Christian visited Haverstock Hill to open the Hampstead General Hospital. On arriving at the hospital the Princess was received at the entrance by the President of the Hospital, Sir Henry Harben, the Mayor of Hampstead, Sir George Barham, J.P., and the Reception Committee.

The Matron, Miss Rosa Gregory, presented to the Princess, on behalf of the nursing staff, a beautiful bouquet of mauve orchids. An inspection of the hospital was then made, after which the Royal party proceeded to the marquee, where the opening ceremony took place. The nursing staff, the Sisters in dark blue, Staff Nurses in bright blue, and probationers in blue and white striped galatea, and the freshest of caps and aprons, occupied seats to the left of the platform. Before the commencement of the proceedings a bouquet was presented by Miss Letitia Clarke on behalf of the Ladies' Committee.

The Chairman of the Hospital Council Mr. Ernest Collins, welcomed Her Royal Highness, as the Patron of the Hospital, on behalf of the Governors. The cost incurred by the Committee in building the hospital had, he said, been £32,000, of this they had received £26,000, so that there was a debt of £6,000 besides one of £4,000 on the site. In the future it was hoped to add an extension to the hospital, including a wing of paying wards.

Sir Henry Harben, addressing Her Royal Highness, with reference to the future of the hospital, said he had pleasure in announcing that if the Chairman would raise £5,000 within a reasonably short time an anonymous donor would provide £20,000 for its completion. This welcome announcement was applauded to the echo.

The Bishop of London then conducted a short service of dedication, after which Her Royal Highness declared the hospital open and wished it all success. She then proceeded to unveil a portrait of Dr. W. Heath Strange, Founder of the Hospital, painted by Savage Cooper, Esq.

The proceedings concluded with the singing of the National Anthem, after which the majority of those present adjourned to the hospital, which was greatly admired.

The hospital is a handsome building of red brick faced with white stone. The administrative block and one wing are already built, the other, after Sir Henry Harben's welcome announcement, will no doubt shortly be added. The free wards which are very bright and cheery contain twelve beds, the nursing staff allotted to each ward being a Sister, a Staff Nurse and a probationer on day duty, and a nurse in training on night duty. The children's ward, containing four beds and fifteen cots is at the top of the building, and, reached by an outside staircase, is a self-contained isolation ward.

The passages of the hospital have a dado of soft green tiles, above this the walls are white, and as doors and woodwork are white also, the effect is very harmonious.

Nothing is more obvious to the nurse trained years

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