

Lady Superintendent of Nurses, and the training of probationers and the supply of private nurses was undertaken. The following year the late Queen became an annual subscriber.

The Hospital, a handsome building of blue and red brick, is approached by a wide carriage drive. There are five main wards, with smaller ones adjoining, men's medical and surgical on the ground floor, over these the women's medical and surgical with a comfortable small ward for sick nurses, and above again the children's ward and the chapel, the latter a spacious, well-appointed building, in which there is a memorial tablet to Miss. Freeman, aforementioned. At the end of each ward is a spacious balcony by means of which, indeed, the capacity of the wards is increased, for some of the patients live and sleep on them, and seem greatly to enjoy the invigorating breezes. The hospital has its own laundry, and its garden provides the whole institution with a plentiful supply of fresh vegetables all the year round, except potatoes from January to June.

The course of training for nurses is for three years, a fourth year on the private staff being optional. For training purposes the hospital affiliates with the Croydon Infectious Hospital, the National Hospital, Bloomsbury (massage and electricity), and the Eye Hospital, Southampton. There are eight sisters, including the home sister, and 30 nurses in training, 10 new probationers being taken on each year, there is also a resident massage nurse. Lectures are given by the medical staff, in theory, and by the Matron and sisters in practical nursing, the latter taking some specialty with which they are specially acquainted. A new Nurses' Home is shortly to be built, and is badly needed, for at present some of the nursing staff have to sleep in a house in the town. Under the able superintendence of Miss Carpenter Turner, the nurse training school bids fair to rival in efficiency that of the Leicester Infirmary, where she herself was trained, and which ranks as one of the best in the Kingdom.

Our illustration of Pound Day, shows a corner of the Board Room on Founder's Day, when the gifts received in kind are on view. They are really the gifts of the poor of the neighbourhood. The authorities of the schools co-operate with those of the hospital. The children from far and near bring these offerings to the schools on a certain day, the hospital sends round a carrier's cart to gather them up, and the result is a substantial addition to the hospital stores.

Founder's Day closes with a largely attended service in the Chapel when a choir of nurses forms part of the procession.

## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Her Royal Highness Princess Louise, accompanied by the Duke of Argyll, visited the Central London Ear and Throat Hospital in Gray's Inn Road, W.C., on Monday last, to open the new wing, which has been built at a cost of £7,000. Outside, the hospital is an unpretentious-looking building, but within it is a very bee-hive of industry, for the populous centre in which it is situated keeps it constantly employed. The new operating-theatre, one of the principal new additions, is very fine, spacious and thoroughly well equipped. The walls are lined with Sicilian marble, and the floor laid with terrazzo. The work seems to be exceptionally well done, and though the terrazzo has been laid for six months there is at present no sign of the cracks so often observable in such floors. Still it must pass the test of winter and summer, says the Secretary, Mr. Kershaw, as it is the shrinking and expanding of underlying iron girders with frost and heat that is the real danger to these floors. By an ingenious arrangement the fresh air admitted to the theatre near the ceiling is warmed, and it can quickly be heated to any temperature required. At the back of the building the hospital has sufficient land for considerable extensions, which are urgently needed and for which it is appealing for funds. £1,000 of the £7,000 expense incurred in the present additions is still to be raised, towards which Princess Louise, after declaring the hospital open, received purses on Monday.

The Red Cross Bazaar, which is to be held at the Worples Hall, Wimbledon, on November 29th and 30th and December 1st, to which Princess Louise has given her patronage, promises to be a very good one. Great interest is being taken in it by many influential people and medical men who are anxious to raise £3,500 to rebuild the South Wimbledon and Merton Cottage Hospital. Of this sum about £1,000 has already been subscribed and collected. Of the need of an up-to-date Hospital in this poor and thickly populated neighbourhood there is no question. Many useful and beautiful things will be for sale at very reasonable prices suitable for Christmas gifts. Conspicuous amongst them is a large picture, painted and given by Mr. B. J. Ottevell, also a very handsome piece of old Japanese embroidery, and a large quantity of artistic things received direct from Japan and Trinidad.

Lovers of dogs will be interested to know there are several beauties for sale, who are all hoping to find comfortable homes. They include a valuable red dachshund, also Scotch and Irish terriers with good pedigrees. All visitors will find their tastes catered for, besides feeling that they have aided a good cause.

'Tis worth a wise man's best of life,  
'Tis worth a thousand years of strife,  
If thou canst lessen by but one  
The countless ills beneath the sun.

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