

The hospital is first of all for British seamen, and all boats subscribing to it (£1 each time of entering the river) can send patients free of charge. Non-subscribers pay, I do not know how much, but it leaves a profit for the hospital. Those not connected with the sea are received as paying patients. All the prescriptions for the Doctor's private practice are made up in the dispensary at a profit to the hospital. Medicines are very dear, owing to the enormous import duties, and there is a duty of sixpence on each empty medicine bottle.

The Dispenser necessarily has very long hours on duty when there are many patients. He told me that he was once on duty for three days and nights without a break, after which I believe he went off duty for a while. Of course there are easier times, when there are no patients, and he has only the dispensing to do.

A few months ago a friendless British sailor died in the hospital, and the British flag was hung half-mast high for him at the hospital and the British Club, until he was buried in the pretty little churchyard belonging to the English Church here.

After seeing the hospital, I went back by the road, having found the steps too steep. The road winds in and out like a continuation of the letter S, and in one of the curves of it I came upon a group of healthy, happy-looking women, some sewing, some knitting with curious bent knitting needles, some searching diligently for live-stock in their companions' heads—all laughing and talking. This curious habit of hunting small game in the streets is quite common here, and no one seems to take the slightest notice of it.

From the river the British Hospital looks quite a large building, because it is spread out over the face of the rock. An English sailor told me that it is a very good place to stay in when you are bad; you could not wish for a better. "And there's another," he continued, "at a place where we call sometimes, built by a lady in memory of her husband. A good deal better plan I call it than putting up marble monuments and stained glass windows, which are no use, and not always even ornamental. Now the hospital will remind folk of him as is dead as long as it stands, and many a man has had cause to bless the widow who built it."

M.H.

Through the bazaar, organised by the colony at Davos, in aid of the Queen Alexandra Hospital for Poor Consumptives, £1,600 has been obtained.

Reflections.



The Prince and Princess of Wales have consented to open the recently completed addition to the Tottenham Hospital on Tuesday, May 7th. Princess Louise, who is patroness of the hospital, has also promised to attend.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has consented to preside at a dinner in aid of the National Sanatorium for Workers suffering from Tuberculosis on May 14th.

The Earl of Sandwich announced at the Annual Meeting of the Royal Free Hospital that the institution had passed through a financial crisis during the past year. At one time they were sorely in debt, but at a dinner the Duke of Connaught had urged the claims of the Hospital so successfully that at the present time it was free from debt.

At the recent Annual Court of Governors of Charing Cross Hospital, Lord Kilmorey announced that Mr. Walter Alvey had been appointed permanent secretary of the hospital.

Mr. John J. Barron has been appointed Secretary to the Royal Infirmary, Bradford. He has, for fourteen years, held the position of Assistant Secretary at the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow.

Earl Cawdor, Treasurer of the London Homœopathic Hospital, announced a donation of £1,000 from "An Opponent of Vivisection" at the Annual Meeting.

The Committee of the Birmingham Children's Hospital report that the rebuilding of the entire institution is an urgent necessity. They hope within a short time to submit a scheme for a new and thoroughly up-to-date hospital.

The Board of Management of the Cardiff Infirmary state in their Annual Report a decrease of over £269 in expenditure on drugs and surgical dressings, "a result due to the co-operation of the Medical Staff." It is good to learn that "there has been no brighter year in the annals of the Infirmary than the one gone by," and that the appeal for £7,000 for remodelling the out-patient department has now reached over £8,000.

The Royal Mail steamer *Lanfranc*, of the Booth Steamship Company, which has been built for service between Liverpool and Spanish, Portuguese, and South American ports, was inspected by a large number of visitors as she lay in the Mersey prior to her maiden voyage. Of special interest was the hospital block for first class passengers, which contains three wards, with special hospital cots in each, with bath rooms and dispensary, adjoining the medical officer's comfortable quarters.

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