

like so artistically furnished. In the drawing-room the ornaments are rare pieces of bric-a-brac, also the gift of Mrs. Polson, whose thought for their welfare is warmly appreciated by the nurses.

The new Nurses' Home of the Meath Hospital and County Dublin Infirmity was opened last week by the Lord Lieutenant. His Excellency was accompanied by the Marchioness of Ormonde, and the Marchioness of Donegall, and attended by Viscount Anson, A.D.C. Sir John Moore, M.D., presided, and the Secretary, Mr. Francis Penrose, read an address to his Excellency giving a brief history of the hospital. Up to the year 1884 the nursing arrangements of the hospital were of a primitive and totally inadequate nature, but in that year the present Lady Superintendent, Miss Ellinor Lyons, was appointed, and has successfully filled the position up to the present day.

In declaring the Home open, Lord Aberdeen said that he thought the representative of the Sovereign, his present Majesty King Edward, could not be better or more appropriately employed than doing his best to promote in any way this magnificent work, which they all knew King Edward had so deeply at heart—and Queen Alexandra also—namely, everything connected with the promotion of hospital work and helping the welfare of the nurses.

Bellevue Hospital in New York has, says *Charities*, adopted a kindergarten school in connection with its children's ward. The work was started at the request of Miss Delano, who was Superintendent of the Nurses' Training School at the time. In 1905 Miss Minnie Van Deventer was appointed teacher by the Board of Education. From the start the kindergarten has been a success, frequently as many as forty children being on the roll, all anxious for diversion in mind and body. It is the custom to go to the bedside of all children who cannot come to the tables, thus giving individual instruction. Of course, the work is necessarily different from the regular kindergarten work. If there is a very sick child in the ward, games and songs must be omitted, and on account of the many fractured limbs the children cannot have any active games. Raffia and reedwork have been taken up with some of the patients and older children, who are apt and seem interested in it. An interesting practical feature of the work is the fact that it often suggests means of employment for cripples.

## Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll at the London Temperance Hospital.

Her Royal Highness, Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, attended by Captain and Mrs. Probert, visited the London Temperance Hospital on Tuesday last, to open the new Out-patients' Hall. She was received by Sir T. Vezey Strong, Chairman of the Board of Management, the Rev. Dawson Burns, Hon. Secretary, and Mr. Henry Holloway, Treasurer, after which members of the Board of Management, the Trustees, the Medical and Surgical Staff, the Matron, Miss Richardson, who presented a beautiful shower bouquet of pink flowers and asparagus fern, and the Architects had the honour of a presentation to her Royal Highness.

The ceremony in the Hall, in which a large number of well wishers of the Hospital had assembled, was very brief.

Prayers were said by Canon Barker, and Sir T. Vezey Strong then read the Address of the Board of Management, gratefully acknowledging the gracious act of the Princess in opening the new Out-patients' Hall, not only on account of the favour she thereby conferred upon the London Temperance Hospital, but because her presence indicated her sympathetic interest in the benevolent object for which the building has been erected.

The Princess, in reply, thanked the Board for their address, and said that an Out-patient Hall was a necessity to every hospital. That which had now been provided for the London Temperance Hospital was a splendid one, and she had much pleasure in declaring it open.

The proceedings concluded with the singing of the National Anthem, first as a solo by Sister Rose Horncastle, and then by the audience, after which most of those present inspected the new Department.

The Physicians' and Surgeons' consulting rooms, each with an examining room attached, are approached directly from the Hall, separate doors being used for entry and exit to prevent confusion. These rooms are separated with sliding partitions, and can readily be thrown into one large room when necessary.

In addition to the Consulting Rooms, an Operating Room is provided with ample north light and ventilation. After receiving treatment, patients pass out through a separate exit. Conveniently adjoining this exit, the Dispensary is arranged with a separate waiting lobby, where patients can be seated while they wait for their medicine.

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