

The Hospital World.

THE ROYAL NATIONAL ORTHOPÆDIC HOSPITAL

Princess Alexander of Teck visited the Royal National Orthopædic Hospital on Tuesday last to open the new Nurses' Home and Out-patient Department in Bolsover Street, W.

Her Royal Highness was received at the entrance hall by his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, K.G., members of the committee of management, the medical staff, the ladies' committee, the Matron, Miss M. E. Pinsent, and the Secretary, Mr. Arthur Morley.

In this hall were also assembled the Sisters and nurses, and a number of the patients, mostly children, who looked very pretty and smart, the girls in white dresses with rose-coloured ribbons in their hair, and the boys in white knickerbockers, red flannel jackets, and white turn-down collars. Two of these patients, a boy of twelve, who till he came to the hospital, had never been able to stand, and can now walk about, and a little girl, presented a beautiful bouquet of roses to the Princess.

The Out-patient Hall, in which the opening ceremony took place, looked charming with its maize coloured walls, with a dado of cinnamon brown, which formed an excellent background for the bright flowering plants and palms with which the platform was decorated. Opening out of it are many rooms, including those for the surgeon, physician, nurse, instrument maker, and porter, a bath room and an operating theatre, where minor operations are performed. Here were on view plaster casts of deformed feet of all kinds, treated in the hospital to the great benefit of the patients.

The Duke of Marlborough, on behalf of the Committee, the Medical Staff, the Nurses, and the patients, warmly thanked the Princess for her kindness in coming amongst them.

The Princess then performed the opening ceremony, saying, "I have much pleasure in declaring this new Home of the Royal National Orthopædic Hospital open." After which the Earl of Denbigh, Chairman of the Committee of Management, expressed the thanks of the Committee to her Royal Highness.

Before leaving, the Princess inspected the Home, and took tea with the Matron. Many of the visitors also went over the Home.

Messrs. Maple and Co., Waring and Co., Thos. Wallis and Co., and James Shoolbred and Co. have each presented a complete set of furniture for a bedroom, and it is hoped that friends of the hospital will undertake to furnish one or more rooms similar to these specimens.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

His Majesty the King has fixed July 7th as the date of his visit to Manchester to open the new infirmary.

On the motion of Mr. J. A. Pease (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury) a Select Committee to consider the Asylums Officers' Superannuation Bill, consisting of Sir W. Collins, Mr. Hazleton, Mr. J. M. Henderson, Mr. Horniman, Mr. W. E. B. Priestley, Mr. T. F. Richards, Mr. Walter Roch, Mr. Stanier, and Sir J. Batty Tuke, was appointed on Monday.

The Lord Mayor has promised to preside at a meeting on behalf of the National League of Physical Education and Improvement at the Mansion House on the 28th inst. The Meeting is to call attention to the work of the League, and to emphasise the necessity for improving the physical welfare of the nation, whether for purposes of defence, or of commercial prosperity.

The National Association for the Prevention of Consumption is organising an exhibition to be opened at the Art Gallery, High Street, Whitechapel, on June 2nd. The exhibition will be of a popular and educational character, and will seek, by the help of diagrams, models, actual specimens, and other means, to bring home to the people the nature of the disease, the extent of its ravages, and the possibility of its prevention and cure. Lectures, "homely talks," and lantern demonstrations will also be utilised to this end. After the closing of the Exhibition in Whitechapel it is intended that it shall visit the poorer districts of London in turn, and afterwards make an extended tour of provincial cities and towns.

The 37th annual Central Poor Law Conference will be held (by permission of the Corporation) in the Council Chamber at the Guildhall, on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 27th and 28th. The Lord Mayor will open the proceedings at 10.30 a.m. on the former day, when Dr. Macnamara, M.P., the President, will deliver his inaugural address.

Sir William Clerke presided at the annual meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Hospital for Women, Soho Square, W. During 1908 the number of in-patients treated was 946, which is greater than in any previous year since the foundation of the Hospital. The Committee reported that the work of re-building the hospital had been commenced, and that by the end of the present year it was hoped that a practically new hospital would be ready for the reception of patients. The entire scheme would cost £18,500, and towards this sum the Committee had in hand, or promised, £10,500, and an additional £3,000 had been promised by King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, on condition that the balance required to complete the work—viz., £5,000—was raised by next October.

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