

The Hospital World.

THE LONDON HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

Under a large marquee of Imperial colours a great number of people assembled to witness the interesting ceremony of laying the corner stone of the Sir Henry Tyler Extension on Wednesday, June 30th, at 3 p.m., by the Lord Mayor, Sir G. Wyatt Truscott. Among those present were the Earl Cawdor (Treasurer), and Countess Cawdor, Lord and Lady Calthorpe, the Earl of Dysart, and the Earl of Morley. After the singing of the hymn, "O God our help in ages past," by the choir of the church of St. George the Martyr, Queen's Square, the Rev. E. C. Bedford, Chaplain of the Hospital, read the introductory prayers.

The curious custom of enclosing something in the heart of the stone was religiously adhered to, and a copy of *The Times* and the 59th Annual Report of the Hospital received honourable burial in the grave cut to receive it!

When the Lord Mayor had declared the stone "well and truly laid," the Rural Dean of Holborn, the Rev. D. G. Cowan, read the concluding prayers, another hymn was sung, and then the benediction concluded the ceremony of the laying of the stone.

Mr. Stillwell, Chairman of the Board, in his address of welcome to the Lord Mayor, outlined the history of the hospital, which appears to be one of rapid development and progress in medical science. The building of the extension was initiated by the beneficence of the late Sir Henry W. Tyler, who gave £10,000 towards the cost of £30,000, on condition that the whole was raised. The example of munificence is sure to be both stimulating and infectious, and one present instance is no exception to the rule. The whole sum has been subscribed, and the appeal now made was for £2,500 for furnishing the new wing, which is to give an addition of 70 beds to the hospital. Extended patients' accommodation means necessarily increase in the nursing staff, and the next endeavour of the Committee will be to build a new Nurses' Home on the south side of Great Ormond Street; a private subway will connect this building with the hospital.

The Lord Mayor, in rising to respond, said he was proud to think that this ceremony had taken place during his term of office, being an earnest believer in homœopathy, and he considered that the generosity with which people had subscribed their money to wipe out the debt was very sufficient evidence of the popularity of the creed.

His Lordship appeared greatly interested, too, in the scheme for building the new Nurses' Home. "Nothing was more advantageous,"

he said, "to the efficient working of a hospital than the proper treatment of the nursing staff, with facilities for proper rest."

The presentation of purses to Miss Truscott in the place of her mother, who was hindered from coming, afforded a very pretty interlude. Numbers of children, one by one, came on to the platform with little fancy bags. The difference of manner with which these mites made their offering, caused a good deal of merriment. Some were timid and deprecating, others jaunty, bold, and self-important.

The Secretary's announcement of the grand total of £1,437 2s. 9d. met with great applause. Among the many gowned men who were present one noticed one woman in her scarlet doctor's gown and mortar board. This was Miss Tyler, daughter of the late Sir Henry Tyler.

Very dainty refreshments were served in the Board Room, after which visitors were invited to inspect the Lecture Room, where some very interesting exhibits of the London Missionary School of Medicine were on view. This school is under the auspices of the hospital, and serves an admirably useful purpose.

Its object is to give an all-round elementary training in medical and surgical subjects to non-medical Foreign Missionaries of both sexes, who often go to regions beyond the reach of qualified medical aid. This short course of nine months enables the students to acquire knowledge which will help them to preserve their own health and to deal intelligently with common ailments amongst the natives.

The band of the Honourable Artillery Company played selections during the afternoon.

Miss Hoadley, the Matron, who must have worked strenuously in organising so pleasant an entertainment, made a charming hostess, and the exquisite condition of the wards were evidence of the high standard of work attained under her superintendence by the well-trained nursing staff.

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THE ROYAL INFIRMARY, MANCHESTER.

On Tuesday last, the King opened the beautiful new buildings of the Royal Infirmary, Manchester. His Majesty, with the Queen, was received at the entrance by the Earl of Derby, President; Mr. Cobbett, Chairman of the Board of Management; and Mr. Charles Hopkinson, Chairman of the Building Committee. The Matron, Miss Sparshott, and some members of the medical staff had the honour of being presented to the King and Queen. The Chairman presented an Address, and his Majesty graciously replied, and formally declared the building open, afterwards conferring the honour of knighthood on Mr. William Cobbett.

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