

The Hospital World.

FOUNDER'S DAY AT GUY'S HOSPITAL.

The Distribution of Prizes to Medallists and Prizemen at Guy's Hospital is always the occasion of a very pleasant garden party, for which the hospital with its picturesque colonnade and quadrangles and central park offers exceptional facilities. In the centre of the front quadrangle, by which one obtains access to the hospital, is a statue of Thomas Guy, the Founder of this great charity, in his livery gown. The west wing, overlooking this quadrangle, is formed by the Matron's House—and no other Matron in the Kingdom has such charming quarters—and the chapel, in which may be seen the tomb of the Founder. On oaken panels round the walls are inscribed the names of the doctors, nurses, and students who have died in the service of the hospital, while the colonnade is the memorial erected by past and present students to their comrades who fell in the South African war.

On the east side of the front quadrangle is the old Court Room, approached, as is the Great Hall at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, by a fine oak staircase, and on the walls hang the portraits of distinguished medical men connected with the school.

Thomas Guy, who was born in 1644, was the son of a lighterman in Southwark. After being apprenticed to a bookseller, he started in business on his own account, and for many years printed Bibles for the University of Oxford, but he is said to have amassed his fortune principally from the purchase of seamen's prize tickets in Queen Anne's war, and from dealing in South Sea stock. A quaint story is told of him that in his old age he arranged to marry his maid servant, and previous to the wedding ordered the pavement in front of his door to be mended to a certain spot which he marked. The maid noticing another broken place told the paviors to mend it, and on being told it was beyond the mark to which they were limited by Mr. Guy's orders, told them to mend it nevertheless, as her master would not mind. Mr. Guy, however, was so greatly incensed to find his orders exceeded that he broke off the match and resolved to build hospitals with his money. He built and furnished three wards at St. Thomas's Hospital, built his own hospital at a cost of nearly £19,000, besides leaving over £209,000 to endow it. He just lived to see the roof in position.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The Distribution of Prizes, at which Viscount Goschen, the recently appointed Trea-

surer, presided, took place in the new School Buildings. Viscount Goschen succeeds Mr. Cosmo Bonsor, who has been appointed President of the hospital in place of his Majesty the King, who, on his accession was obliged to resign from this office but who has now become Patron of the hospital.

Viscount Goschen, who was supported by the staff of the hospital and others in their academic robes, said that as this was the first occasion of his appearance as Treasurer, he availed himself of this public opportunity to express his appreciation of the great compliment paid him, and his earnest desire to further the interests of the hospital. He expressed regret at Mr. Bonsor's absence, and the general pleasure that he had only moved on from one post to another, and that his advice and assistance would still be available. Lord Goschen spoke warmly of the great services rendered to the hospital by its present President, of his untiring energy, constant kindness, and power to sustain interest, and in conclusion hoped he might count on the same support from the staff of the hospital which had been so generously given to his predecessor.

The Dean then presented the Annual Report of the Medical and Dental Schools to a crowded audience, consisting not only of members of the School, but of their relatives and friends.

Amongst the honours gained by the School the report recorded its congratulations to Mr. H. I. Janmahomed, who obtained the University Gold Medal in the Examination for the M.D. London.

At the conclusion of the Dean's Report, Lord Goschen invited Professor Howard Marsh, Professor of Surgery at Cambridge University, to distribute the Medals and Prizes. As the prize-winners received the well-earned rewards of their hard work they were warmly applauded, and a special ovation was accorded to Professor E. H. Starling, M.D., F.R.S., who won the Astley Cooper Prize of £300.

Professor Howard Marsh spoke of the great pleasure which he had had in accepting the invitation to present the prizes to Guy's men, and said that though there was keen competition and healthy rivalry between Guy's, Bart's, and St. Thomas's men, their relations were always most friendly. Addressing specially the "gentlemen who are students," Professor Howard Marsh said that their profession afforded them ample opportunities, their future depended upon themselves, with the externals of good health and good fortune. He had a strong belief in good and bad luck, but individuals could largely influence these if they were ready to seize a chance when it came to them.

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