

PROGRESS AT THE EAST LONDON HOSPITAL
FOR CHILDREN.

The East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, E., was a centre of attraction on Tuesday afternoon last, when Princess Marie Louise of Schleswig Holstein visited the institution to open the extension of the Out-Patient Department and the new Open-Air Shelter. Her Highness was received by the Mayor of Stepney resplendent in his scarlet robes, and chain of office, Colonel Needham, Chairman of the Board of Management, the Bishop of Stepney, Mr. W. Pearce, M.P. for Limehouse, the members of the Reception Committee, the Matron, Miss Row, and the Secretary, Mr. W. M. Wilcox. A small patient in scarlet frock and white pinafore, with her left arm in splints and a sling, presented the Princess with a lovely bouquet of pink roses, carnations, and asparagus fern.

A platform, erected at one end of the large Out-Patient Hall, was beautifully decorated with mauve and pink hydrangeas, spiræa, and fern. When the visitors passed through this Hall the string band of H.M. 1st Life Guards, which was in attendance, struck up the National Anthem. After a brief inspection of the new department, her Highness was conducted to the platform, when Colonel Needham presented an address of welcome, and the key of the new block to the Princess, and her Highness said:

"I have great pleasure in declaring the new Out-patient Department open, and also in expressing the hope that this new extension may prove of the same inestimable benefit as the old building."

A cordial vote of thanks was tendered to her Highness by the Mayor of the Borough and the Earl of Erroll.

The erection of the new Department has been necessitated by the enormous increase in the number of out-patients—95,460 being relieved last year.

The new extension includes an Out-patient Theatre, with preparation, recovery, and sterilising rooms annexed, two new rooms for the Casualty Officer, and an Almoner's Room.

The theatre is fitted with every modern convenience, and the recovery room adjoining is a model of its kind. It is provided with eight recovery couches: these are stands with sacking stretchers, easily removable by withdrawing two bars. Wrapped in a blanket a child recovering from an operation can rest comfortably until it is desirable to send him home. The authorities could find no model to go upon, and therefore devised the couch. Now, we are glad to learn, it is being taken up by Great

Ormond Street Children's Hospital and others, and is likely to become very popular.

The open air shelter, in connection with Heckford Ward, has been presented by the Ladies' Association. It has a wooden roof, and the open sides are fitted with canvas shades, or wind screens. It is furnished with four cots similar to those in the ward, and white enamelled lockers with two compartments, and one wishes that the great majority of the children could be nursed in such shelters instead of within four walls.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

Prince Alexander of Teck has received the sum of £72 13s., collected by Princess Mary on behalf of the Prince Francis of Teck Memorial Fund for the Middlesex Hospital.

The Ladies' Dinner in aid of the King's College Hospital Removal Fund, held at the Connaught Rooms, was a great success. Lord Selborne presided, and the total amount collected in connection with the dinner was over £58,000. The old site, instead of being sold and the proceeds applied to the cost of the new building, will be retained as part of the endowment and upkeep of the new hospital.

Lord Donoughmore, Treasurer of the London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C., has received a donation of £100 from J. Oxley Laurie, Esq., towards the appeal for £8,000 to complete the building of a new home for 75 nurses of the Hospital. King Edward's Hospital Fund have also made a grant of £500 for the purpose.

The Dresden Health Exhibition was opened by the King of Saxony on May 6th. The *Times* says:—For the present the main attractions here are a wonderfully planned and executed popular exhibit called "Der Mensch," and an exhibit illustrating the prevalence and nature of the worst diseases and the whole scope of measures of prevention in Germany. The history of workmen's insurance is exhaustively explained.

CHOCOLATES FOR THE CORONATION.

In order to commemorate the Coronation of their Majesties in June next, the Lord Mayor and citizens of Bristol intend presenting a box of chocolates to between seventy and eighty thousand school children.

On the lid of the box are enamelled portraits of the King and Queen on a red ground, the background being of blue, the Royal Arms in gold on white, and the device of the Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle suitably introduced.

The execution of the order has been entrusted to Messrs. J. S. Fry and Sons, Ltd., of Bristol and London, appointed manufacturers to their Majesties and to H.M. Queen Alexandra. We are pleased to learn that this firm has received large orders for similar Coronation boxes from other municipalities.

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