

been very full years. The Nursing Staff consists of two Sisters, and six probationers; the latter are systematically taught the theory and practise of nursing for a term of three years. The Local Government Board (Scotland) recognises the hospital as qualified to train nurses, and admits them for Examination and Certificates, and many have passed with merit, and none have failed—so no wonder there is eager competition for the few vacancies in the school.

The Nurses' and servants' quarters recently built are very well designed for quiet and comfort, and exceedingly homelike and pretty—a nice little nest in which to rest.

The medical staff attend daily, and much good work is done; indeed, we learned without surprise that a very harmonious tone was maintained throughout the entire administration.

The public-spirited governing Board, by example and appreciation, inspire and obtain willing service, and good results in each department. The relief and good comfort of the sick is the single aim of all.

We think that Alexander Gray, sometime surgeon in the East India Company, at rest this hundred years, invested well his £20,000. We guess he thinks so too.

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A NEW HOSPITAL FOR PAYING PATIENTS.

On the crest of Dollis Hill, N.W., commanding a beautiful view, has been erected the new Roman Catholic St. Andrew's Hospital for Paying Patients, and it was opened in lovely weather by the Lord Mayor of London, who arrived in State, on Friday last. The guests were received by the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster in full canonicals, in his charmingly impressive way. The Cardinal explained that the work of founding the Hospital had grown up in a very unexpected way. From a French benefactress he had received an offer to place at his disposal a considerable sum of money towards founding a hospital, conditions imposed being that the lady's name should be kept a secret, that the care of the hospital should be entrusted to one of the Roman Catholic sisterhoods under the Archbishop of Westminster, and that these sisters should receive a full hospital training. To enable them to open the hospital with complete equipment, though with only one of two wings built, it had been necessary to incur a debt of £10,000, but he hoped that in time it would be possible to remove that debt and to complete the building.

The Lord Mayor said that Cardinal Bourne was fortunate in having placed the Hospital under the direction of a noble band of women, the Poor

Servants of the Mother of God, who had qualified themselves by being trained at the London Hospital and St. George's Hospital. There were many people with small means who were hardly qualified for the ordinary hospitals, but who very greatly needed the assistance of such an institution as St. Andrew's.

The nursing will be superintended by Miss S. M. D. Wharry, trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, who will be helped by a staff of certificated lay nurses. The Hospital, which is very handsome and well appointed, stands in seven acres of ground. The inside appointments in the general wards are very up-to-date and comfortable, and the single rooms are most daintily furnished, and have good balconies. The operating table, said to have cost £96, came from Berne, and is a marvel of mechanism. The terms for admission are: for general wards, 2½ guineas a week; for a private ward from 7 guineas. These terms include all fees, nursing, attendance, and operations. So much care and thought has been expended upon the organisation of St. Andrew's Hospital, we feel sure it will command the success it deserves.

REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

Under the patronage of the King and Queen, who are to be present, a grand evening Charity Performance will take place at the London Coliseum, on the evening of October 11th, in aid of Lord Lonsdale's Special Appeal for Charing Cross Hospital, and the funds of the French Hospital in London.

The great Mme. Sarah Bernhardt will be seen in the second act of Racine's "Phedre"; and the whole entertainment is to be unrivalled, as everyone has rushed to help the great *tragédienne* to make "a pile" for these most deserving charities.

Miss Ellen Terry will "speak a few words," written by Mr. Owen Seaman; and it will be an interesting moment when Mr. Robert Hale, disguised as Lord Lonsdale, sings his famous Hunting Song to the most sporting of peers.

The musical portion of the programme will be most interesting, for it is now announced that in addition to Sir Henry Wood conducting the "Marseillaise" at the end of the programme, Sir Alexander MacKenzie is to conduct the overture, which will probably be his own famous "Britannia."

The National Anthem will be sung by Mr. Ivor Foster, the audience being requested to join in the chorus.

We are glad to hear that the seats are fetching record prices, as much as two hundred guineas are being asked for boxes, and ten guineas for stalls, and that many have been sold at these prices.

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