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Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital,
Moortfields,

Founded in the Year 1804.

PATRON



THE QUEEN.

REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1871;

WITH

A LIST OF THE GOVERNORS,

AND THE

RULES OF THE HOSPITAL.

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The origination and early success of this Hospital as a School for Ophthalmic Surgery are attributable to a great Surgeon, JOHN CUNNINGHAM SAUNDERS, who first adapted the operation for Cataract to the condition of infancy. It is the earliest, in order of time, of the Institutions of this class, now so general throughout this Empire and in other countries.

It is deemed right to draw attention to the delay in submitting children with Cataract to the care of the Surgeon. In 550 cases of that description brought to the Hospital, the average age is estimated at seven years, although the condition of early childhood is most favourable for the operation.

Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF

HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY

THE QUEEN,

AND

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS the DUKE of CAMBRIDGE, KG

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REPORT for 1871.

It has been the great privilege of the Board of Management, during the past few years, to be able to report to the Governors of the Institution, from time to time, a considerable increase in its pecuniary resources, bearing, indeed, a close proportion to the measures they have adopted, as occasion required, to develop its powers of usefulness, and particularly in the most recent undertaking of adding a New Wing to the Hospital. The past year, though one of extraordinary pressure on public benevolence, formed no exception to the rule, since, ere its close, every remaining charge for that and other extensive improvements was liquidated, as well as the means acquired to meet the increased annual expenditure caused by the enlargement. The fact is not less significant than satisfactory. It not only shows that the high claims of this long-established Institution to public support continue to be thoroughly recognized, but it also strikingly illustrates the stability of the voluntary principle in sustaining, for the public good, all charitable foundations of proved utility; and, at the same time, it affords the requisite stimulus to the exertions necessary to maintain their efficiency. The following very apposite remarks on this point appeared recently in an influential organ of the public press, in an able article on the Hospitals of the Metropolis:—"And yet," says the writer, in reference to the endowed

Royal Hospitals, "notwithstanding this great advantage [*i. e.*, their ample endowment], there are many institutions in the metropolis which, in all that is essential to a good hospital and medical school, are not a whit behind them. Indeed, it would almost seem as if the most wholesome thing for a Hospital was to have to depend upon voluntary contributions, to have to justify its position to the generation to which it appeals for support, instead of resting upon the endowments of the past. It is then most likely to be obliged to advance with the times, and to keep itself on a level with the requirements of the age. There is, therefore, no reason to regret that the charity of the present day does not take the form of endowing new Hospitals, but only of adding to them as occasion requires, and then leaving them to obtain year by year, by their own energy and activity, the funds that are necessary for carrying on their work of mercy."

It need scarcely be remarked that it is precisely in the manner thus described that the ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL has won the confidence and earned the support of a discriminating philanthropy in a long career of unflagging effort for the relief from blindness, and all its manifold miseries, of the poor and destitute classes of the community; and not the poor and destitute only, since every other class of society has directly benefited by the rare surgical skill and experience acquired at this, the oldest and largest school for ophthalmological education and practice in this country. It has now entered the 68th year of its existence, with its capacities for the public