

accompanied by His Highness Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar and the Duke of Fife, both of whom are members of the committee of management of the hospital. On the arrival of the Prince the guard gave a royal salute, and the band played a few bars of the National Anthem. Lord Strafford, having received the Prince, presented the members of the committee of management to His Royal Highness, who afterwards inspected the new buildings. In the lecture hall, where the opening ceremony took place, a dias covered with crimson cloth was erected, and the commodious apartment was ornamented with palms and flowers. The Prince, who escorted the Dowager Lady Howard de Walden, was warmly cheered on entering the hall. The proceedings were commenced by the Bishop of London offering prayer, after which

The Earl of Strafford rose amid cheers to tender thanks to the Duke of York for allowing his name to be associated with the institution as its president, and for being present to inaugurate the new building. He remarked that though dental surgery had long formed part of the instruction at hospitals, yet previous to 1860 there were no buildings specially adapted for the pursuit of that branch of surgical science. In that year a small building in Great Portland Street was established as the first dental hospital in London. Since then many thousands of people had received benefit from it, but the premises were very narrow and cramped, and, considering that a college of instruction with lecture rooms was highly necessary for the furtherance of the objects of the institution, the management felt that the work was somewhat confined in its operations, and were very anxious for larger and more commodious premises. Those premises, thanks to the noble gift of the Dowager Lady Howard de Walden, they were that day in possession of. They now had every hope that the good work of the hospital might be extended. When he mentioned that no fewer than 27,902 persons had, during the past year, received relief by the surgical skill of the staff of the hospital, he thought they had a fair augury that this beneficent and useful work would in the future be extended. In conclusion, Lord Strafford expressed a hope that the Duke of York and his illustrious consort might be blessed with many years of health and happiness.

His Royal Highness the Duke of York, who was received with cheers, said :—" Lord Strafford, your Royal Highness, my Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen, it gives me much pleasure to attend here to-day, and to assist in the carrying on of such a useful institution. Of the many hospitals engaged in charitable work for the poorer classes, I feel sure that the National Dental Hospital must afford an amount of relief in the particular kind of cases dealt with here, which some of us are apt to overlook. I am glad to learn from Lord Strafford of the good work done here, and whatever may be the criticism sometimes passed upon the establishments of so-called