

When their Majesties King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra visited Stornoway on 2nd September, 1902, a patient was taken to the hospital from the royal yacht. He remained under treatment for thirty-eight days and was discharged cured. After returning to duty Dr. Mackenzie received a letter of high praise from Dr. Reginald Bankart, M. V. O., their Majesties' doctor. The following is an extract from the letter :—

His Majesty's Yacht Victoria and Albert,

Portsmouth, 2nd November, 1902.

"He (the patient) has quite recovered and is at work again. He could not speak sufficiently high of the very kind treatment which he had received at your hands at Stornoway Hospital. I feel sure the people of The Lewis must be proud of such an excellent institution, which appeared to me to be quite a model of what a small hospital should be. I am sure it deserves very hearty support."

Since 1st February, 1896, when the first patient was admitted, until 31st December, 1904, some 660 patients have been treated at the hospital. A feature in connection with it is the district nursing which is done. The hospital is affiliated with the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institution for Nurses. The matron of the hospital is always a Queen's nurse, and by this excellent arrangement the sick poor are attended to at their own homes.

The high esteem and popularity of the people of The Lewis, and many outside the island—for patients from all climes have been treated at the hospital—are begotten of the good work which this institution is doing.

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