

rooms are well furnished, and exceedingly well arranged.

As we go to press preparations are being made for a conversazione, to be held in the school building on the occasion of the opening of the new wing, on the evening of October 1st. The programme is to consist of an opening lecture for the session, by Dr. W. W. Ogden, a concert under the direction of Mr. Theodore Martens, music by a string band, refreshments, etc. It promises to be a brilliant and successful affair.

PRIVATE HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.

On the 9th of Sept., St. John's House, 44 Lumley St., a Private Hospital for Women, was formally opened by the Bishop of Toronto. It is one of the several branches of work now carried on by the Sisters of St. John the Divine, a sisterhood of the Church of England, established here about a year ago. After the short opening service, the friends of the hospital were shown over the building, and for comfort, cleanliness, and a certain home-like air about it, nothing more is to be desired. There is nothing suggestive of the ordinary hospital; on the contrary, it reminds one of a large, airy, well-arranged, and hospitable private house, the Sisters having the happy faculty of making friends, as well as patients, feel perfectly at home.

During the summer months, while the Sisters were ministering to the wants of the wounded in the military hospital at Moosejaw, the house was rearranged and done over thoroughly, so that our medical friends outside of Toronto need not have the slightest hesitation in advising their patients, when sending them to the city for medical or surgical treatment, to enter St. John's House.

Two fair-sized rooms on the ground floor are set apart for free patients. These rooms will accommodate six or eight beds, some of which are already endowed. A large room upstairs is for patients who can pay a small sum towards the expenses of their food, attendance, etc., while the rest of the house will be private, for patients who are able to pay from \$7.00 to \$15.00 per week, according to size, location, etc., of the room selected. This is, of course, exclusive of

fees for medical attendance, or surgical operations, each patient being at liberty to select her own physician.

Contagious, infectious, or incurable diseases will not be admitted.

Any day between *three* and *five* visitors will be shown over the hospital by one of the Sisters or the Mother-superior, to whom all letters, as to admission, price, etc., should be addressed.

A private hospital, and especially one for women, has been spoken of for several years. We are the more convinced of the success of this one, from the fact of the Mother-superior having been specially trained for this work during a long residence in some of the hospitals of New York.

SUPRA-PUBIC LITHOTOMY.

This method of cutting for stone has gained a new and powerful advocate in Sir Henry Thompson. The *Medical News* in referring to it very properly claims considerable credit for America in connection with this mode of operating. The papers of Dr. Dulles on this subject, which appeared in the *American Journal of Medical Sciences* a few years ago, excited great interest in the Profession of this continent. In properly selected cases it is now recognized generally as a good method of operating. Sir Henry asks:—"What is the best cutting operation for hard calculi (urates and oxalates) which weigh from about two ounces and upwards, as well as for those not quite so large, which are so peculiar in form (as occasionally but very rarely happens) that the lithotrite fails to grasp or retain them? I think there is no doubt about the answer, viz., that it is the supra-pubic and not the lateral operation."

In this connection we are reminded that the old countries learned an important lesson in rapid lithotomy as first systematically carried out by Bigelow of America. In both instances it required years for Sir Henry to fully learn the lesson, and, like a wise and practical man as he is, he finally did learn it; but after a style perhaps not peculiar to himself he takes care to give as little credit as possible to others, and reserve as much as possible for Sir Henry.