

ward laboratories, with the most recent appliances. At the opening ceremony, the chairman pointed out (*British Medical Journal*) that, since the hospital had been opened, fifty-seven years ago, the wards had never been free from cases of tropical diseases. Its proximity to the docks was probably the chief reason why patients were carried there. The ward was at present full, and the twelve patients represented the nationalities of China, India, the United States, Norway, Sweden, Russia, Finland, England, and Ireland; and the diseases were contracted in Java, India, Brazil, Savannah, South Carolina, Benin, and Cape Coast Castle.

Lord Lister formally declared the ward and laboratories open, and said that Liverpool in this matter was doing what was of the greatest importance for the welfare of mankind. He also thought that the hospital and the school committee were to be congratulated on having obtained the services of so distinguished a man in these tropical diseases as Major Ross, whose observations had been of the highest importance. Every week or two they saw evidence and confirmation of the accuracy of his work, the recognition of which came from Germany, and from France, and in fact from everywhere. It was most fortunate that they were able to obtain a man of such distinction, of such competence as an observer, and one having had so much experience in tropical diseases, to be the medical officer; and also to be able to associate the school with the great college, of the pathological department of which Professor Boyce was the head. It was a double security that everything would be done to the best advantage.

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