

generation, sitting around the fireside, prosperous and happy, in distant lands, chat about those who have lived and now live in the northern Motherland, who commenced the battle of life on the farm or croft: holding of the sea girt isle that will forever and a day be a fond and familiar word in the household circle.

THE LEWIS HOSPITAL.

Mr. W. A. Ross, the Honorary Secretary of The Lewis Hospital, contributes the following sketch concerning that worthy institution.

For a long time prior to 1892 a feeling was manifesting itself that there should be a hospital for The Lewis. This feeling took definite form at a meeting held in Stornoway, in March, 1892, which was convened by Sheriff Davidson, then of Stornoway, and now of Fort William.



THE REAR AND WEST VIEW OF LEWIS HOSPITAL.

To the sheriff is due the initiation of the scheme. He set to work enthusiastically and collected from all over the Kingdom funds which enabled the building to be erected. His efforts were ably and warmly helped by Dr. Mackenzie, of Stornoway, and several public spirited ladies and gentlemen, with the result that the hospital is now the most popular, as it also is the most beneficent institution in the island. The hospital has been erected at Goathill, and looks out on the Minch. It has two wards with six beds in each and a well equipped operation room. There have recently been added a laundry and mortuary. Several large sums were contributed by generous donors who have an interest in The Lewis, most prominent