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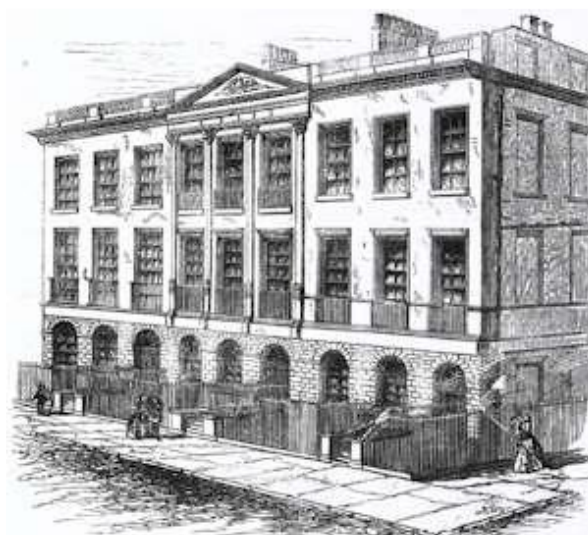
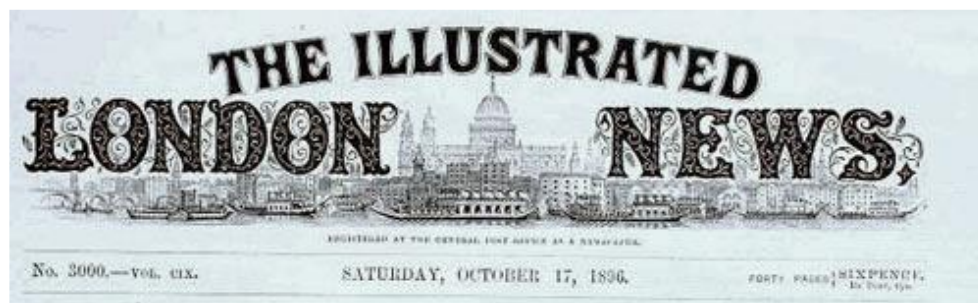
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THE EVER OPEN DOOR.

The London Homoeopathic Hospital - Great Ormond-Street

Without venturing any opinion respecting the truth of homeopathy, it cannot be denied that this system of medicine claims respectful consideration from the medical profession. Its founder, the late Dr. Hahnemann, is admitted by his opponents to have been a learned physician and a man of genius. For the last sixty years homeopathy has been gaining ground in every civilised country in the world. It is recognised by many Governments, Royal and Republican, in Europe and in America; and numbers among its friends several thousand physicians [most of whom were educated in old school physic], many eminent scientific and literary men, and a considerable proportion of the mass of the people. Such a system of medicine, although it may, by further investigation, be proved wanting, deserves something better than ridicule and contempt, by which new discoveries in science have too often been met.



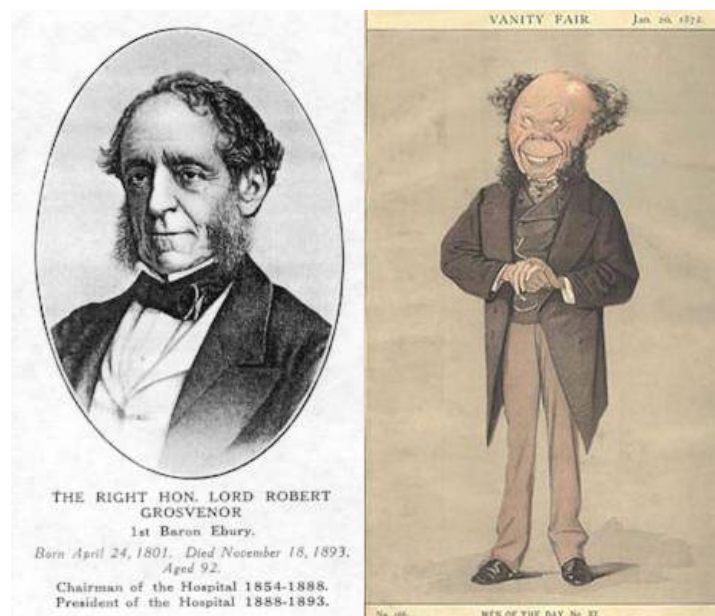


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hospital, which shall be conducted according to the principles inculcated by Hahnemann, which will be a school for homeopathic students, and which will afford to allopathic physicians the means of inquiring into the merits of the new doctrine and practice. A public dinner in aid of the building fund of this charity took place on Wednesday, April 21 at Willis's Rooms, when the Duke of Beaufort, Viscount Lismore, Viscount Maldon, Lord Rokeby, Lord Grey de Wilton, Lord Cormo Russell, the Hon. R Grosvenor, Mr Truman, MP, Major Blake, Captain Fishbourne, RN, Mr Pritchard [High Bailiff of Southwark], Mr Sheriff Rutherford, Dr Quin, Dr Russell, and about 150 other gentlemen, known as supporters and practitioners of homeopathy in the metropolis and in the provinces. The usual toasts were given, viz— "The Queen;" "The Prince Consort and the Royal Family;" and "The Army and Navy," responded to by Lord Rokeby and Captain Fishbourne, who alluded to their experience of the benefits personally derived by them from homeopathy during their service in the Niger expedition and in the Crimea. The Chairman then proposed "Success to the London Homeopathic Hospital," which was enthusiastically received.



Lord Beaufort



Robert Grosvenor [Lord Ebury] and Dr FFH Quin

From the statement of the chairman it appeared that the institution was opened in 1850, at a house rented for that purpose in Golden-square, and had been removed, last October, to freehold premises in Great Ormond-street, WC, purchased for £5,000. During its existence the hospital had, at an average expenditure of £1,000 a year, afforded relief to 23,000 sick persons, of whom nearly 1200 were in-patients. The returns of treatment were stated to prove the advantages of homeopathy. Thus, while, according to the Registrar-General, the rate of mortality in the allopathic metropolitan hospitals is 7.5 per cent, the deaths in the Homeopathic Hospital, including those from cholera, have not exceeded 4.6 per cent.

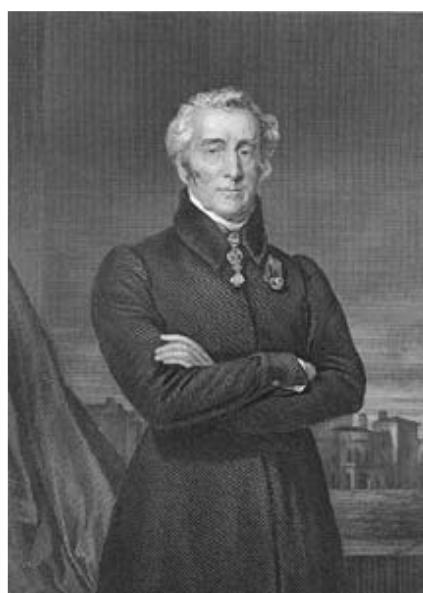


The premises recently purchased in Great Ormond-street are estimated to provide accommodation for almost 200 in-patients, and, when the necessary alterations are completed, there will be two accident wards, a ward for children, a

theatre for a school of medicine, &c. The estimated cost of these alterations, and of fittings and furniture, is £4,000, and contributions have been received which reduce the amount to £2,500. The total receipts since the opening of the hospital have amounted to £15,000; and the management had thus far not only defrayed current expenses, but had been enabled to purchase the new premises, besides investing £800 towards the formation of an endowment fund. The chairman's appeal was liberally responded to by the company, and contributions were announced amounting to £1,000—including 20 guineas from the chairman, 15 guineas from the Duke of Beaufort, £100 from the Earl of Wilton, and £100 from Captain Felix V Smith.



The Earl of Wilton



Duke of Wellington

"The Memory of Hahnemann, the founder of homeopathy," was proposed by Dr. R Russell; "The health of the Duchess of Cambridge, the patroness of the hospital," by the Duke of Beaumont; "The health of the Chairman," by Dr.

Quin; "The Honorary Secretary, Mr R Buchan," by the Duke of Beaufort. Several other toasts were given, and the Duke of Wellington, on leaving the chair, was loudly cheered.



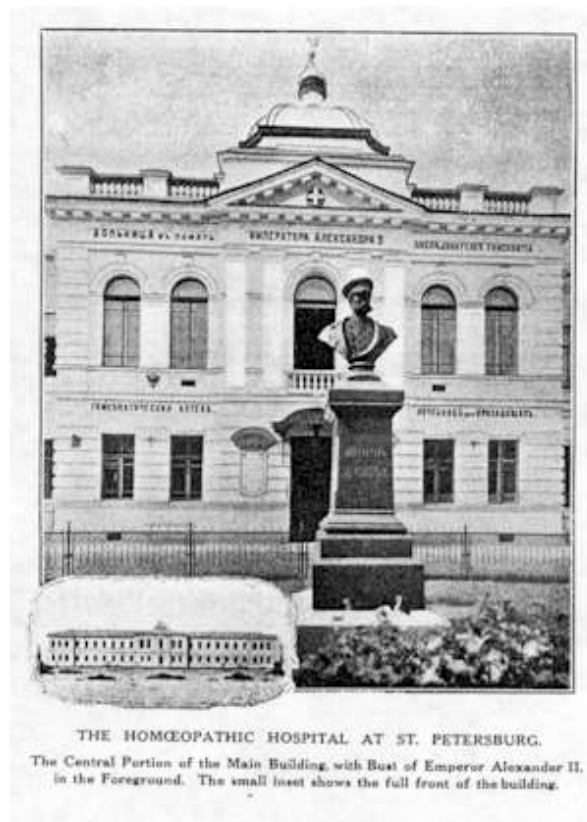
Duke of Cambridge



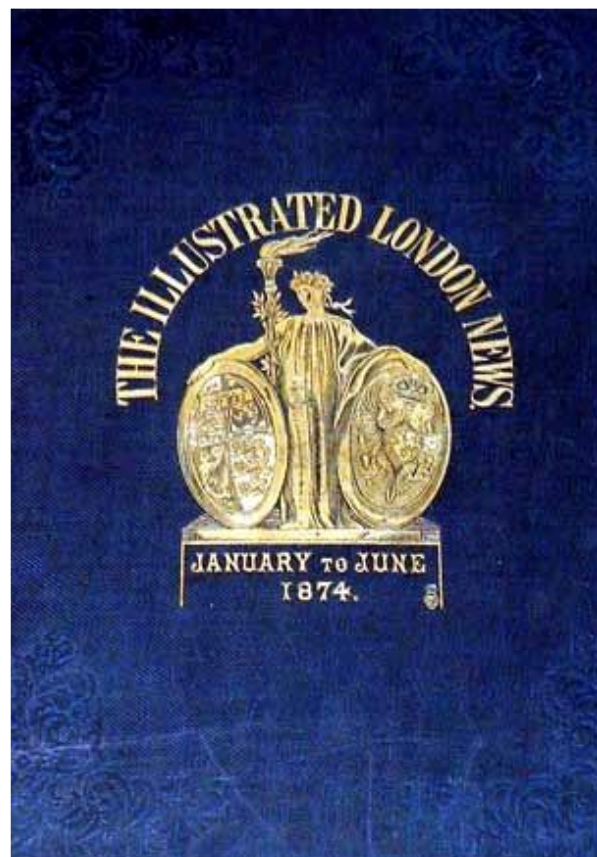
**Louisa Fairbrother - Duchess of Cambridge as a young lady c. 1835.
(Wife of the 2nd Duke of Cambridge.)**

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Mr G Buckland, who was assisted by Messrs Lockey, Young and H Buckland.

It may be added that there are homeopathic hospitals in Paris, Vienna, Berlin, Moscow, and St Petersburg.



The Homeopathic Hospital St Petersburg



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