

ON Monday, October 2, her Majesty the Queen opened the extension of the science laboratories of the London Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine for Women. The ceremony took place in the anatomical department, where more than 600 guests were accommodated. The Queen was addressed by the dean of the school, Miss Aldrich Blake, M.D., who gave a brief account of the school, comparing its position in 1874, when it was founded by Dr. Sophia Jex-Blake, with a total of fourteen students, and its present condition, with splendidly equipped laboratories and more than 400 students; by Dr. Winifred Cullis (lecturer in physiology), who thanked the Queen for the interest she had shown in the work and education of medical women, and all those who by their help had made it possible to carry out this much-needed extension; and by the chairman of the council, who, having handed to the Queen a key presented by the architects, asked her to open the extension. After the Queen had declared it open, her Majesty made a tour of the new laboratories. The extension which has now been carried out was planned and arranged for before the war, owing to the steadily increasing annual entry of students. When war broke out it was for a time uncertain whether the extension should be proceeded with, but the number of students entering the school in 1914 was so great that there was no alternative. Consequently an appeal for 30,000*l.* was issued, the appeal was generously responded to, and within seventeen months the whole sum was obtained. On the top floor the whole extension is given to the anatomical department, which now has one of the finest dissecting rooms in the country (an excellently lighted room, 140 ft. in length), private rooms, demonstration room, preparation rooms, and mortuary. The next floor is given to the physiological department, and the extension provides an advanced laboratory, demonstration theatre, dark-room, storeroom, and private and research rooms. In the floor below is an extension of the chemical department, adding to it an organic laboratory, balance room, and private and research rooms; on this floor is found also a students' union room. Below this is the extension of the physics laboratory, including lecture room, dark-rooms, and research room, and also some laboratories for pathological research.

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Evolution by Means of Hybridization. By J. P.

Lotsy. Pp. viii+166. (The Hague: M. Nijhoff.) 6*s.* net.

History of Manufactures in the United States, 1607-1860. By V. S. Clark. Pp. xii+675. (Washington: Carnegie Institution.)

The Classics of International Law:—

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Illustrations of the British Flora. By W. H. Fitch and W. G. Smith. Fourth, revised, edition. Pp. xvi+338. (London: L. Reeve and Co., Ltd.) 9*s.* net.

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