

# Malta Naval Hospital.

A VERY noticeable and prominent object that catches the eye at the outset as you enter Grand Harbour, Malta, after passing between the two guardian forts at the harbour mouth, St. Elmo and Ricasoli, is the imposing colonnaded front of the Naval Hospital at Bighi. The position of the hospital is admirable, the buildings having an admirably clear outlook seaward, and standing high on the bluff-headed promontory of Bighi, which juts out into Bighi Bay, with the smaller inlet of Rinella Bay on the right, and the larger estuary of Calcara Bay, English Port, dividing the Bighi promontory from Vittoriosa and the triple-tiered fortress of St. Angelo, on the left.

Directly facing the hospital across the waters of Grand Harbour is Valetta itself, the whole *coup d'œil* forming one of the most pleasant and agreeable pictures that it is possible to imagine, and all that could be wished for to gladden the eyes of our convalescent seamen. The second of our photographs of Malta Naval Hospital gives a view of the buildings of the institution, as we have taken them, as the scene strikes one on entering Grand Harbour, particularly when coming in from the westward round St. Elmo.

The present building at Bighi is, of course, a comparatively modern structure, but there has always been, since the British occupation of Malta at the beginning of the present century, a Naval hospital of importance in the island-fortress. Malta Naval Hospital, in point of fact, dates its first importance



THE P.M.O., SURGEONS, AND NURSING SISTERS OF MALTA NAVAL HOSPITAL.



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VIEW OF MALTA NAVAL HOSPITAL FROM THE MOUTH OF GRAND HARBOUR.

