

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

A caller left at the London office of the Alton Cripples' Hospital, 61, Moorgate Street, E.C., 300 new half-crowns, being one each for the crippled children in the hospital at Alton and Seaside branch at Hayling Island.

The Scottish Women's Hospital Committee are getting busy towards the raising of the £100,000 as a memorial to Dr. Elsie Inglis.

Mr. Seymour Berry, the Welsh coal and steel magnate, has given £10,000 to the Merthyr Hospital, provided the public establish an Endowment Fund of £100,000.

The Poplar Hospital for Accidents has good friends. At a recent festival dinner the Chairman said the hospital had never been in debt, but some very necessary improvements and repairs were needed which would cost about £60,000. The secretary read a list of subscriptions amounting to £15,076, a "record" sum. Towards this the officers of the Port of London Authority collected £10,228.

Sir Joseph Flavelle has given a cheque for £50,000 to the trustees of the Toronto General Hospital towards meeting the debt of £334,000 on that institution.

The Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, E., will be compelled to close two wards, containing sixty-two beds, within three months, unless funds can be obtained to pay off the deficit. Some 800 little invalids receive every possible attention in these wards annually.

Failing additional support, there can be no alternative to this drastic step, and the Committee earnestly plead for help to avoid the threatened calamity. The deficit has grown to £10,000.

Lovers of books will be glad to know that the Red Cross War Library which brought rest and comfort to thousands of sailors and soldiers during the war, is to be continued. It will be known as the Red Cross War and Peace Library, and an effort will be made to supply the needs of patients in civilian hospitals. No greater boon can be imagined than a plentiful supply of books and magazines for the use of patients, especially the convalescents, and we must all make an effort to further this good work.

COMING EVENTS.

January 8th.—Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses. General Meeting of Members. 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W, 4 p.m.

January 12th.—Screen Play, "End of the Road." Polytechnic Cinema, Regent Street.

January 23rd.—Thanksgiving Service on the Passing of the Nursing Acts, for Nurses and their Friends, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, W. 7.15 p.m.

January 29th.—The Matrons' Council. Winter Meeting. 431, Oxford Street, W.

ECOLE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, BORDEAUX.

Dr. Anna Hamilton writes from Bordeaux to express her gratitude to this Journal "for so kindly echoing what the American nurses mean to do as a memorial to their colleagues who died so gloriously in France." As we reported, they hope to raise £10,000 to build the new Florence Nightingale College for Nurses at Bagatelle, in connection with the Maison de Santé Protestante, over which Dr. Hamilton presides.

The Report of the hospital and school, beautifully illustrated, is to hand, and a wonderful report it is of the devotion of its Directress, and of her able assistants, who together work miracles of teaching and healing.

The Ecole Florence Nightingale is to have a new badge for its graduates; and also a buckle to wear with their uniform. The "pin," in reality a brooch, is to take the form of a little lighted lamp, and is to be of silver and enamel. The buckle, also of silver, is formed of the three crescents—the badge of all Bordeaux officials—adopted, it is said to represent the three curves of the splendid River Garonne which runs through the city. These symbols are of historic interest to us, as Bordeaux was once an English possession, and the English leopard still adorns the city's coat of arms.

The report concludes with "La Dame de la Lampe," exquisitely rendered into French by the mother of the Misses Mignot, who trained, and have helped, as most faithful collaborators of Dr. Hamilton, to build up the high standard of nursing at Bordeaux, in the hospital, and in the district.

Miss Ivy Trawen, trained at the Poplar Hospital, London, has quite recently been appointed Head Nurse of the Children's Department at the Maison de Santé.

It is hoped that this department will be the beginning of the big children's hospital to be built at Bagatelle, as the death rate at the Town Hospital for little children is 80 per cent., a terrible sacrifice of life.

At present the demand on Maison de Santé graduates in the devastated district is so great, that there was not one to spare for the children's ward.

"The American Committee for Devastated France" has shown its appreciation of these nurses by deciding to enrol them for their work, and as there is only one trained nurse in each group of ladies working at reconstruction, this is a pretty high compliment. Each nurse has an automobile, with a chauffeuse and looks after several villages (7 or 8); she takes scales to weigh the babies, examines children to see if they need to be taken to the doctor, and gives advice on sanitary matters. Most useful and interesting work. "Ten times as many nurses are required than we can supply," adds Dr. Hamilton.

We were just long to hear that £10,000 has been gathered up in the States, and the good work

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