

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The building operations on the new wing of the Royal Waterloo Hospital for Children and Women, Waterloo Bridge Road, S.E., have been stopped on account of financial difficulties. When they began building operations the Committee had £20,000 in hand and have since collected £4,000, but that has all gone now. They have told the Committee of King Edward's Fund of their position and are hoping to have some of the £500,000 which the Government proposes to give to the hospitals. In the meantime they will be grateful for donations.

We recently visited a trained nurse under treatment in this hospital and she was warm in her praises of the care bestowed upon her, and of the good work done by the medical and nursing staffs.

Presiding at a quarterly meeting of the Governors of the London Hospital, Mr. W. T. Paulin, the Treasurer, announced that there was no hope of re-opening this year the wards containing 200 beds which were closed some months ago for lack of funds. With a modified service, rendered necessary by the strained financial position, the cost of a bed per week to-day was £4 19s. 8d. per patient, compared with £1 19s. 2d. ten years ago. There would be a deficit on the year's working of about £50,000, but £26,000 had been paid off the amount owing to the bank.

Mr. E. W. Morris, the Secretary and House Governor, stated, in reply to a question, that by the closing of the beds the in-patients had been reduced in number from 49,000 to 39,000.

The Bazaar held in the Park at Banff in support of Chalmers Hospital of that city, and opened by Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal, was a great success, as the following abstract of the drawings will prove:—

Donations, exclusive of those specially sent to Stalls	£787	17	2
Entry Money	130	15	6
Games and Sports	30	14	0
Exhibitions	10	14	1
Proceeds of Sales at Stalls	697	11	1
Drawings at Dance	57	7	6
Dr. Oswald Fergus (Picture)	17	10	0
Value of Operating Table, presented by Sir Charles C. Barrie, K.B.E., M.P.	130	0	0
	<u>£1,862</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>

This is a gratifying result on which those responsible for the organisation of the bazaar have every reason to congratulate themselves, and it also speaks well for the fine manner in which the public have rallied to the support of a most deserving institution in its time of necessity.

THE GREEK NURSING UNIT.

Sister Edith Post writes from Athens:—

"I intended writing you last Saturday but we received a telephone message during the morning from Her Majesty asking us to spend Sunday at Tatoi, so I thought it would add interest to my letter if I wrote you afterwards. I suppose it is hardly necessary to tell you how thoroughly we enjoyed the drive and the delightful breezes of the mountains after the awful heat of Athens.

"We were received by Her Majesty, who was, as always, most gracious, and very anxious to know whether we were finding the heat too trying.

"We were all feeling very hungry and did full justice to an excellent English luncheon.

"Her Majesty amused us greatly after luncheon by sitting down with us and asking if we had had enough to eat, as she thought we all looked thin.

"Tatoi is a most delightful spot, and the surrounding country most interesting. During the evening we had a delightful walk to see the natural springs. Our drive home by moonlight was all one could wish for and we came back feeling thoroughly refreshed and ready for whatever might arrive during the coming week.

"Ten days ago the Matron of this hospital left, and I was asked to take over her duties until the new Matron arrives. So at present I am Theatre Sister and Matron. I am very fortunate in having an orderly who speaks English and make good use of him by taking him with me around the hospital.

"We are expecting fresh convoys any day, as the hospitals in Smyrna are closing down.

"We are spending many of our half-days on Sundays swimming and quite enjoy our sail before to some quiet spot along the coast. It is certainly the only time one feels really cool and fresh, and 'less sticky,' as we say here.

"There are so many things we need for our hospital and anxiously await wheel-chairs and artificial limbs from England. It takes so long here to get repairs done; one cannot imagine having to wait two months for a wheel-chair to be repaired at home, but it is so here.

"So far, we have received no papers to fill up for Registration, but perhaps they are on the way. We are all anxious to have them.

"Here it has been 104 deg. in the shade. Of course the evenings are delightful, but even then one hardly feels cool; but in spite of hot weather and all the creepy things which arrive with it, we are finding our stay here most interesting."

We are glad to find the Greek Unit so keen about Registration. Of course, the public have a right to "Registered Nurses" now an Act has been passed by Parliament. We hope every member of the R.N.S., even those working in Greece and Asia Minor, will find their Applications approved by the General Nursing Council at its next meeting, as they are carefully conforming to the Rules, sending in their original certificates for

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