

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

"The Westminster Hospital Pictorial," issued with "Xmas Greetings to All," tells us that the Prince of Wales, its President, is watching the progress of Westminster Hospital Rebuilding Fund, and it also states that the future of this famous Hospital is at stake. We are told that when the Four Good Men, in 1715, had formed their Charitable Society out of which grew Westminster Hospital, they concluded their original appeal on behalf of "The Poor and Needy and other Distressed Persons" in these noble words:—

"Let all good Christians then resolve to give their helping hand to this good work and heartily joy in promoting so charitable a design, to which there needs nothing further to be urged as a motive to persuade them than to put them in mind of our Common Lord and Master, who went about doing good, healing every sickness, and every disease among the people, who refused not the meanest office to serve others and stooped down even to the washing of his disciples' feet, who though he was rich yet made himself poor for our sakes and therefore recommends the poor to us for his sake, reckoning what is done on that score as done to himself, and who in a word puts the final issue of the salvation or condemnation of all, who profess to be his followers, on the faithful discharge of that precept of divine Love and Charity."

In this spirit, as enshrined in those moving sentences, Westminster Hospital carries on its great compassionate work. Its need is great, for it cannot remain indifferent to the claims that humanity is making upon it.

Thus, after prolonged deliberation, the Governors have decided that the rebuilding of Westminster Hospital, its Medical School and Nurses' Home must be undertaken without further delay.

The Governors have been fortunate in obtaining an option until March 31st next, upon a splendid site overlooking St. John's Gardens, near Millbank, which has become available in Westminster, close to the present Hospital, and eminently suited for the purpose. It is upon this site that the Governors propose to build an enlarged, modern and efficiently equipped Westminster Hospital.

To carry out this scheme, the sum of £350,000 is needed—£300,000 for the Hospital, £50,000 for the Medical School—of which the first instalment of not less than £100,000 must be available by March 31st next.

We are glad to know that the appeal is receiving a very generous response, but £350,000 is a lordly sum, and pence as well as pounds can help to acquire it.

We are indebted to Mr. Farmer, Appeal Secretary, for the picture of the splendid canine friend of the Hospital, owned by a lady supporter, who, needless to say, is a most successful collector. Indeed, we ask you, who could resist such a beautiful fellow? He has only to ask to receive—and it would be well to know where respects and coins can be paid to him.



A MOST SUCCESSFUL COLLECTOR.

Who could resist him?

Donations made payable to "The Treasurer," Westminster Hospital, Broad Sanctuary, Westminster S.W.1, will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

Princess Arthur of Connaught will, on January 17th, open extensions which have been carried out at Connaught Hospital, Walthamstow, E., at a cost of approximately £10,000.

An attempt is to be made on the occasion of the opening ceremony to raise sufficient funds to enable the extensions to be opened free of debt. The hospital was established in 1878 primarily for the inhabitants of Walthamstow, Leyton, and Wanstead.

A painting, covered with dark varnish, thought to be one of the few surviving master-

pieces of John Teal Cooper, famous for his fruit and flowers two centuries ago, has been discovered at Guy's Hospital.

The work is a canvas, about 3 ft. by 2 ft. 6 in., and the subject is fruit. The signature, "Teal Cooper," is clear in the lower right-hand corner.

January 6th was Founder's Day at Guy's Hospital, and was commemorated by a special service in the Hospital Chapel, and was marked by the re-opening, after re-conditioning of the Chapel Crypt, where lie the remains of the hospital's founder, Thomas Guy.

The vaulting and walls of the crypt have been cleaned of the whitewash with which they had been covered for

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