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THE HOSPITAL WORLD,

The King has been pleased to become Patron of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint the Duke of Kent President of the Fund, the appointment of his Royal Highness having been recommended by the Lord Chancellor, the Prime Minister, and the Governor of the Bank of England, in accordance with the Act of Parliament, and has been graciously pleased to signify his intention to give an annual subscription of $\pm 1,000$ to King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.

Queen Mary is President of the London Hospital, which serves some of the poorest parts of London, and an appeal for $\pounds 80,000$ has been made. Sir William Goschen, the Chairman, presiding recently at a dinner in support of the appeal, announced that a fortnight ago a lady came to his office and made a gift of $\pounds 10,000$. The only conditions she imposed were that the money should go in support of

the special appeal for capital expenditureand that her name should remain anonymous. The appeal had brought in a further $\pounds 20,000$. Each night of the year 2,700 patients-men, women and children — lay sick under the roof of the hospital, and each day there was a procession of over 1,300 persons going through the out - patients' department. During his five years chairmanship over 22,000 cases had come



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for treatment to the hospital from outside the boundary of Greater London.

A further improvement in the service of the Middlesex Hospital, as the result of another gift by Mr. Meyerstein, who has offered to provide curtain-cubicles for the general wards, was announced by Prince Arthur of Connaught, Chairman of the hospital, at a recent meeting of the Court of Governors. Privacy is sincerely appreciated especially in the women's wards, and we are pleased to note that bed curtains are being used to this end in many wards.

The Duke of Kent formally opened and then inspected, on December 16th, two extensions of University College Hospital, of which he is President. The buildings include a new wing for paying patients, an additional nurses' home, an X-ray diagnostic department, and a new child welfare department. An expenditure of $\pm 300,000$ has been incurred in respect of the extensions. The paying patients wing is one of the finest of its kind in the world. The additional Nurses Home which is in the same building on what is known as Shoolbred's site will accommodate 89 Sisters and Nurses. At the eighty-first anniversary banquet of the Poplar Hospital for Accidents, held at the Savoy Hotel on December 15th, under the presidency of Sir Courtauld Thomson, over $\pounds 9,000$ was received in donations towards the appeal fund.

The profit from the dinner held at the May Fair Hotel on November 25th and organised by Lady Kindersley, on behalf of the appeal for the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, Euston Road, amounts to $\pounds 15,410$ 1s. 9d. This includes promises and donations spread over seven years.

The Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, has been promised a gift of $\pm 10,000$ towards the rebuilding fund by the trustees of the Bernhard Baron Fund. The rebuilding has already started.

Charing Cross Hospital has taken over the Piccadilly Theatre for five weeks from December 21st, for the production of Edward P. Genn's children's fantasy, "What's Become of the Fairies." It will be played every afternoon

and on Saturday evenings.

The music is by Gladys Corlett, the B.B.C. 'cellist. All proceeds will benefit the hospital.

Viscount Dawson of Penn has accepted the Presidency of the Association of Certificated Blind Masseurs, which is associated with the National Association for the Blind.

We are pleased to note that the Hogarth Fair, at Barts., organ-

ised by the Women's Guild, is expected to yield almost $\frac{1}{2},0001$. A splendid result to their magnificent power of enticing financial support.

In accordance with the policy of removing the word "mental" from the description of London County Council mental hospitals, Colney Hatch Mental Hospital is to be renamed Friern Hospital.

Lord Nuffield has decided to give $\pounds 2,000,000$ for the asistance of the Special Areas.

This latest gift brings his total of known benefactions to over f7,500,000.

Last summer we had the pleasure of meeting Miss Emily May Nutsey, Lady Superintendent of the District Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand, which is one of the finest and up-to-date hospitals in the Dominion, where the standard of nursing is high. We are glad to know that, as is their custom, several delegates from the New Zealand Trained Nurses' Association are to be with us for the Congress in July. For a great number of years this Association has been deeply interested in the work of the International Council of Nurses.

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