

The Hospital World.

SURGERY SYSTEMS.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL.

At Charing Cross a small ward containing three beds is in readiness each night at 8 p.m. for the accommodation of patients who may be brought in after that hour. Most frequently it is used for men, but should a woman happen to come in first she is put there and the men are sent on to the wards. On one occasion a short time since, all three beds were filled by women. A night nurse is on duty for this ward from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m., when the out-patient Sister becomes responsible for it, but at this hour the cases are usually drafted on to the wards. Unless the casualty ward is filled, or otherwise unavailable, no cases are admitted to the wards during the night. Should nothing come in before 12 o'clock on ordinary nights, or 1 o'clock on Saturday night, the night nurse goes to bed, and is allowed a pass next day until 5 o'clock, but it is very seldom that there are not at least two admissions during the night. Cases are not often admitted after 12 o'clock, but should one come in after the nurse has gone to bed, her place until she is again available is filled by the second nurse in the children's ward. The out-patient department is at present, Miss Gordon told me, inconveniently small for its purpose. The committee much hope that their appeal for £100,000 to the funds of the hospital in commemoration of the "great 60th year" will meet with a liberal response, in which case they hope to rebuild it. Miss H. Gordon thought that at Charing Cross Hospital there was very little abuse of this department.

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.

At St. Thomas's Miss Gordon, the Matron, told me that there are no beds in connection with the casualty department. Patients are either admitted into the Hospital or discharged. There is a couch which can be used temporarily if required. There is an out-patient Sister, with nurses working under her, in charge of the out-patient and casualty rooms during the day. At night the Night Sister attends, if necessary, in this department. Miss Gordon was of opinion that an accident ward in connection with it would be a convenience, but under present arrangements she did not think that there was enough work to warrant a nurse being placed on duty at night to attend to the casualty cases. So far as I have at present been able to learn, this is the only large hospital where a night nurse is not employed in this department.

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Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has graciously signified her intention of making a donation of £100 towards the building fund which is being raised by the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields, to defray the cost of the new hospital now in course of erection in the City Road.

The Prince of Wales has intimated his intention of formally opening, early in May next, the south wing of the new medical school buildings at Guy's Hospital, which will shortly be ready for occupation. This important addition to the hospital has been provided without in any way trenching upon the funds of the charity, the sum required about £13,000—having been entirely subscribed by the members of the staff and the teachers in the medical school. The portion of the building which the Prince will open comprises a large lecture theatre and a completely equipped physiological department.

Lord William Cecil, equerry to Princess Henry of Battenberg, has sent the following communication to the senior physician of the Royal National Hospital for Consumption, Ventnor:—"I write to tell you how exceedingly pleased her Royal Highness Princess Henry of Battenberg was with all she saw at the hospital to day." Her Royal Highness has also intimated that she will lay the foundation stone of the new block of the hospital at the end of July. There is a deficit so far on the sum required for the year of £3,667, for which it has been decided to make a special appeal.

The Duchess of Fife, who was accompanied by the Duke of Fife, opened at Brighton, on Friday, the new wing of the Sussex County Hospital, the foundation stone of which was laid last February by the Prince of Wales.

The Lord Mayor will preside at a meeting to be held at the Mansion House on Friday, March 5th, at 3, in connection with the special appeal for £100,000 for the Charing Cross Hospital.

We hear that Miss H. Gordon is most anxious that a new Nurses' Home should be built in connection with Charing Cross Hospital. The nurses are at present accommodated in houses which have been adapted for their use, but a more modern and convenient house is, in Miss Gordon's opinion, very desirable. We hope that funds may shortly be forthcoming to carry out this project, as it is eminently desirable that nurses should be suitably and comfortably housed.

The Lord Mayor has consented to preside at the annual court of the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road, E.C., on March 15th.

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