

### Annotations.

#### THE LOYAL TOASTS.

The Lord Mayor, in giving the toast of "The King" at the Guildhall Banquet on Monday, said:—"I have to make an announcement which His Majesty has been good enough to sanction, and which I am sure will appeal to all here present. You will remember that the first act the King performed when he attained convalescence was to visit the College of Surgeons and thank those who, by the grace of God, had succeeded in preserving his life. The announcement I have now to make is that the King has graciously consented to open in person the new Out-patients' Wing of the London Hospital. It will not surprise any here present that His Majesty should have promised to take this step, for the charities of the kingdom, and the hospitals in particular, owe more to the King than to any man living."

In inviting the company to drink the health of the Queen, the Lord Mayor remarked that "Her Majesty the Queen has added year by year to the affection which she inspired when she came a stranger to these shores, and all will be glad to learn that she will accompany the King when he visits the hospital. Her Majesty has shown such devotion to the King and such care for the progress of nursing that I am sure no words are needed to commend the toast of her health. It was she who introduced the lupus light cure, and she has done all in her power to relieve the sufferings of the poor among her subjects."

#### THE WORK OF MEDICAL WOMEN.

We are glad to note during the past week two important evidences of the increasing appreciation of the work of medical women. Her Majesty the Queen has given her name as patroness to the New Hospital for Women, Euston Road, a hospital where all the visiting staff are women practitioners, and which serves as a school for women students. Secondly, for the first time, one of the twelve Metropolitan Medical Schools has opened up its staff appointments to medical women. The hospital which has taken this step, a step which will assuredly be accredited to its honour by future generations, is the Royal Free Hospital, and the appointments are those of Mrs. Scharlieb, M.D., M.S., as physician for diseases of women, and of Miss Ethel Vaughan, M.D., B.S., as assistant physician in the same department. We hope these are the first of many such appointments. As regards the in-

dividuals, on whose work all eyes will be turned, a happier selection could scarcely have been made.

#### THE NEW BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE ROYAL INFIRMARY, MANCHESTER.

It is to be regretted that the Trustees Committee of the Manchester Royal Infirmary have not included the name of one woman in their list of twenty-one nominees for election as members of the new Board of Management of this institution.

The assistance of women, not on co-opted Ladies' Committees, but on Boards of Management of hospitals, is essential if the best results are to be obtained. As we have frequently pointed out, the prosperity and efficiency of a hospital, which, be it noted, is largely officered by women, depends greatly upon the efficiency of the organisation of its domestic department. We are glad, therefore, that the Women Guardians and Local Government Association in Manchester, of which Miss Margaret Ashton is the honorary secretary, has determined to raise the question of the claims of women to representation upon the Board of Management of the Infirmary. Two candidates have been nominated for seats on the Board by this Association, and both have had experience qualifying them for the position—Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Ross, who has been a member of the Committee of the Royal Southern Hospital, and Miss Martha Gill, who has gained her experience of hospital management in connection with the Hospital for Incurables at Mauldeth. The Women Guardians Association is doing good service in testing the feelings of the trustees of the infirmary even though their action involves a contested election. As Mrs. Wolstenholme Elmy well puts it, in a letter to the Press, "the issues involved are not personal, but broadly human."

#### "CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NEGLECT."

A case of considerable public and professional interest is to be tried in the Criminal Court, New York, in connection with the death of a child who was treated by Mr. John C. Lathrop, a Christian scientist. The coroner who made an investigation officially gave the cause of death as "diphtheria, Christian Science neglect," and the grand jury of Mount Vernon, New York, brought in a true bill charging the parents of the child, Mr. and Mrs. John Quimby, as well as Mr. Lathrop, with manslaughter. The case is to be made a test one and the Christian Scientists intend to fight it to the highest court if necessary.

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