

The Hospital World.

A MODEL CHAIRMAN.

Sir Charles Seely, the generous Chairman of the General Hospital, Nottingham, has added another benefaction to the numerous ones for which the people of that fine city have to thank him. He has purchased the building in which the old Children's Hospital used to be carried on, separated only by a roadway from the hospital for adults, and has offered it to the Governors of the General Hospital, to be used by them as an isolation ward. He has attached a very wise condition to the gift—that is, that the iron structure which is now used as an isolation ward shall be removed, and that the space along the south front of the hospital, upon which this iron structure now stands, shall remain an open space for ever. We do not suppose that there will be any difficulty in observing this condition. Open spaces in the middle of a great city are of vital necessity to the health of the community, and there cannot well be too many of them, especially in connection with a general hospital. And in connection with this matter we feel that it is impossible to speak too highly of the munificent support Sir Charles Seely has given to the chief medical charity of Nottingham for many years. It is difficult to see, indeed, what the hospital would have done without him, for although there have been other generous donors to whom the gratitude of the city is due, there have been none whose support has been at once so generous and so persistent. We are sometimes told that hospitals will have to be supported out of the rates because voluntary offerings will be unequal to the task, and we should not like to say positively that this will never happen, because prediction is always dangerous. But the voluntary support of charitable institutions does much to stimulate and encourage some of the best qualities in human nature, and, therefore, rate-maintained hospitals could never entirely fill the place of the charitable institutions now in existence. It is gratifying, therefore, to be able to feel that so long as there are generous men like Sir Charles Seely the voluntary principle of support will never have to be abandoned.

In Memoriam.

A memorial brass to the deceased members of the staff of the late Welsh Hospital for South Africa is to be placed in St. David's Cathedral, Cardiff. The memorial will be unveiled by Lord Penrhyn on August 14th, and his lordship will also hand over the hospital flag to be permanently placed in the nave of the cathedral. This flag—the Red Dragon on a yellow ground—was presented to the hospital by the Cape Cambrian Society. Three doctors, two nurses, and a dresser attached to the hospital died during the war.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Following upon the successful Coronation bazaar comes the announcement that a great Coronation fête is to be held at Earl's Court on July 26th, the proceeds of which will be handed to the Lord Mayor, and will ultimately find their way through His Majesty to the London hospitals, as a thank-offering for the King's recovery.

The Colonial Secretary has given fifty guineas to the funds of the Charing Cross Hospital, in acknowledgment of the skilled, prompt, and careful treatment he received there.

The Lord Mayor was present in state on the 18th inst. at the distribution of prizes to the students of the Medical College of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. He was formally introduced by the Treasurer, Sir Trevor Lawrence, and said, amongst other sensible things, that anyone associated with hospital work was aware that no hospital was doing its work properly unless its medical school was up to date and the nursing staff recognised at its true value.

In reply to a vote of thanks, the Treasurer remarked that St. Bartholomew's was generally considered a wealthy institution, and so it was; but, though for a hundred and fifty years the hospital had not appealed to the outside public, the time had come when they would have to appeal to the citizens of London. They were aware they had bought a portion of the site of Christ's Hospital, and that had to be covered with buildings. He felt sure that when the time came for making that appeal it would not be made in vain, and that the support forthcoming would enable them to keep the hospital and school up to its traditions. From which we gather that historic "Bart.'s" will not be moved from its present somewhat restricted and priceless site.

The winners of the three diamond ornaments disposed of by Mrs. Adair for the benefit of the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children are:—Miss Winifred Paget, diamond, ruby, and sapphire dragonfly brooch; Mrs. Clover, pearl and diamond head ornament; and Mrs. I. V. Jolliffe, diamond watch and brooch. The sum of £437 10s. has been handed over to the hospital.

In response to an invitation of the Wednesbury Coronation Celebration Committee, the Mayor (Councillor A. E. Pritchard) has just formally laid the foundation stone of the Nurses' Home.

A nursing home has been erected in connection with Pitlochry District Nursing Association, as a memorial to the late Dr. W. Stewart Irvine. In performing the opening ceremony, the Rev. Duncan Campbell, B.D., St. Matthew's Church, Edinburgh, referred to Dr. Irvine's brilliant characteristics, and said it dazzled the imagination to think of the countless homes in Atholl to which his coming with kindly, sagacious face, and quick, keen brain meant hope and cheer during sixty years.

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