

Do., estimate, 1903-04, for completion 64,850 0 0

Total for hospital and site .. £338,738 2 11

This includes everything except a sum of £2,500 estimated for the construction of a reservoir to contain 100,000 gallons of water for use in case of an outbreak of fire in any of the buildings.

Dr. Ker, the able Medical Superintendent, and Miss Sandford, the Lady Superintendent, have simply devoted all their talents and wonderful energy for years to perfecting the plans of the new hospital, and it will be a proud day for them when the King declares it open and sets the seal of approval—as he cannot fail to do—on one of the most magnificent hospitals in the kingdom.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Perhaps the most interesting remark at the recent annual meeting of the Hospital Saturday Fund at the Mansion House was the statement by Sir Savile Crossley that the abolition of the street collections had not been attended by loss to the fund, and that there was even reason to believe that it had resulted in a gain. Another interesting point in the meeting was the emphasis laid on the interest which

the fund arouses in the working classes, who are also being reached by efforts to circulate information about the prevention and cure of consumption and other diseases—an admirable extension of the work.

An unknown philanthropist has placed his automobile at the disposal of the authorities of the London Hospital, to take nurses or patients out for country drives on one afternoon a week. A member of the Automobile Club, on seeing the announcement to this effect, immediately communicated with another hospital offering the use of his car for the same purpose, and promising further that as soon as his new car, a 30 h.p. vehicle, is delivered, he will be pleased to send that also. According to *Country Life*, as a result of these two offers the Automobile Club invites the membership generally to co-operate in a scheme for the provision of regular daily country outings all through the summer for hospital patients and staffs.

An excellent supply of water has been found for the King's Sanatorium for Consumptives, which is to be erected near Midhurst, Sussex. The engineers, Sir John Aird and Co., estimate, however, that it will take quite eight months before the water supply arrangements are completed, and then building operations will be commenced.

All's well that ends well. After twenty years of discussion, of proposals and counter-proposals, the question of the Manchester Infirmary site is formally and finally settled. The Infirmary Trustees have agreed to sell, and the Corporation has agreed to purchase, the Piccadilly site for £400,000, and the sanction of the ratepayers at a recent meeting set the final seal on the project. The only other sanction to be sought is that of Parliament.

The sixty-fourth annual report of the Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital for 1902 shows that the work of this excellent institution is still increasing, the number of in-patients treated being eighty-eight more than in the previous year. The total number of operations under anaesthetics was 1,170, surpassing the record number of 1901 by 260.

The last report stated that the hospital was in excellent order, with the exception of the nurses' accommodation, which was in every way inadequate and past repair. Since then, the sad death from diphtheria of the Assistant Matron, Miss Wilson, occurred, and the building, after careful inspection by the Medical Officer of Health, was condemned as unfit for the nurses to live in. The building of a Nurses' Home became, therefore, an imperative necessity, and many generous donations have been received for this purpose; the work has been pushed forward, and it is hoped that the Home may be occupied during the present year.

Some recent deaths from anthrax at Kidderminster have caused some anxiety to dealers in carpets, as they were attributed to infection from Persian wool. It is, however, pointed out that the danger lies in the dust and dirt accompanying uncleansed fleeces, and that in a sample-room where these are constantly handled and opened up without special precautions there has been no case of anthrax for a quarter of a century. In the mills the dust is carried off by powerful pneumatic tubes and destroyed when the fleeces are opened out, and the wool is subsequently subjected to a succession of baths of high temperature, and then baked in a hot press for twenty minutes. Lastly, very little Persian wool is used in the manufacture of British carpets.

The practice of treating tinned and bottled peas with copper colouring in order to make them look fresh and green is one which should be noted by the public. France and Italy are the greatest offenders in this respect, and though fatal cases of poisoning do not often, they do occasionally, occur, while intestinal trouble is in many cases set up.

The Departmental Committee on the Use of Preservatives and Colouring Matter found seventeen cases of colouring with sulphate of copper out of forty-seven samples of preserved vegetables examined.

In his will Dr. Ladislaus Jasinski, a leading physician of Lemberg, Galicia, bequeathed £13,000 to a fund for assisting the widows of doctors, and ordained at the same time that not more than 8s. should be spent on his funeral. His numerous orders and medals of distinction he had given away the day before his death to an ostler and a postman.

The architects who will draw plans for the new Bellevue Hospital, New York City, have been instructed by the Board of Trustees to preserve the exterior plan of old Bellevue as much as possible. For that reason the new building will face the East River. The buildings will have long wings to the north and south, in order to secure the sun's rays as much of the day as possible. The balconies outside the wards will be preserved. The main hospital building will probably be six storeys in height, while the administration building, which will be separate and front on First Avenue, will be lower.

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