

## The Hospital World.

### THE KING'S SANATORIUM.

The visit of the King to Midhurst on Tuesday to lay the foundation-stone of his sanatorium for tuberculosis marked a red-letter day in the annals of the neighbourhood. Although damp and dull in town, in this sheltered corner of Sussex the sun was shining brightly, and the delightful fragrance of sheltering pines and the balminess of the air proved the wisdom of a scheme for removing phthisical patients from the metropolis, where the smoke and dirt laden air must irritate diseased lungs, and for placing them in healthful surroundings under most favourable conditions.

His Majesty was met at the site by the Marquis of Abergavenny and a distinguished company, including the members of the Advisory Committee and many members of the medical profession. After an address had been presented by Sir William Broadbent, the King replied at some length and stated that the sanatorium was provided by a generous donor for those of slender means who were not able to meet the expenses of prolonged residence in private sanatoria. His Majesty also expressed his regret that the Queen, who, like himself, was deeply interested in the fight against tuberculosis, was unable to be present. The King performed the ceremony of the day with a gold trowel handed to him by the architect, Mr. H. Percy Adams.

### THE GENERAL HOSPITAL, NOTTINGHAM.

There seems something peculiarly appropriate in the manner in which the Governors of the General Hospital, Nottingham, celebrate its anniversary. Together with the members of the Corporation they assemble in the Shire Hall, and thence walk in procession to St. Mary's Church, where a service of praise and thanksgiving is conducted. The one hundred and twenty-first anniversary was thus celebrated last week, and the service, a short form of matins, was conducted by Bishop Hamilton Baynes, the vicar of St. Mary's. The eloquent sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Derby, who took as his text 1 St. Peter iv., 9: "Use hospitality one to another without grudging."

The Governors afterwards reassembled in the Grand Jury Room of the Shire Hall under the presidency of Sir Chas. Seely, when the general business of the charity was transacted.

An interesting report received was that of the Extension Committee which has inspired throughout the enterprising spirit which has accomplished such wonderful reforms in this fine old county hospital. Amongst them it is stated that the necessary reflooring of the old part of the hospital has been finished. The reconstruction of the operating theatre is completed. The extensive alterations in No. 2 division, including the new sanitary block, have also been completed, and the division is now occupied. The

lavatories and bathrooms at the south-east end of the first floor have been reconstructed, and are in use. The Matron's and dispenser's rooms have been finished, and increased accommodation for drugs has been provided. A new hot and cold water service has been laid throughout the old portion of the building. The corridor on the ground floor has been relaid with terazzo, and the staircase at the south-west end, which was in a bad state of repair, has been renovated. The men's day ward has been somewhat enlarged, and the alteration has greatly improved the light. The Committee now propose to commence the desirable, and, it may be said, necessary, alterations to the two nurses' homes, and the laying out the garden.

Sir Charles Seely, the popular chairman, who is a "hospital star" of the first magnitude, in moving the adoption of the report, said he wished to repeat what he had had the honour of saying several times, namely, how very much the whole of the governors, and, indeed, the whole county and city, were indebted to the honorary staff of medical officers, the resident staff, the nurses, and all the people connected with the hospital, for the untiring and unwearying efforts they displayed in the discharge of their duties. He had opportunities of coming across large numbers of people who had been in the hospital, and he heard nothing but gratitude from them for the kindness and attention which the nurses and the doctors had paid to them whilst they were patients. He could not speak too strongly of the practical unanimity with which everybody who had been in the hospital referred to the kindness and attention they received. He might say that practically the alterations at the old part of the hospital were completed, but the Extension Committee of the Board generally would not consider that the alterations had been thoroughly completed until the nurses' home and the garden had been finished. That, of course, was a matter which had to be done gradually. He was afraid that the nurses would have to suffer inconvenience while the alterations were being carried out. They had to be done gradually, but he hoped that they would be completed in the course of next summer. He trusted that then the county and the city of Nottingham would have a hospital of which they need not be ashamed.

During the afternoon the new operating theatre and the various reconstructions at the hospital, and the old Children's Hospital, now used as an isolation block, were inspected by the Governors.

Miss Gertrude Knight, the much-respected Matron of the hospital, has been in residence eleven years, and has therefore enjoyed the immense satisfaction of helping in the reorganisation of the institution, which owes much to the gentle, yet none the less effective, method in which she manages her own department.

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