

The Hospital World.

"OLD BULLER."

Our picture is of Buller, a brown retriever, who has collected £34 7s. for Ealing Cottage Hospital, as well as collecting at local bazaars for other charitable objects. He belongs to Mr. Roodnight, of Ealing, and some months ago was lost for several days. He evidently thought his master had gone on a journey by the District Railway, and got into the train at Ealing and travelled to East Ham. Great was the search for him, but Buller had been taken to a local Dogs' Home by one of the railway servants, and in a short time would have been either destroyed or sold when his master fortunately received news of his whereabouts and rescued him forthwith.

The Hon. Secretary of the Ealing Cottage Hospital, Mr. William Hedges, writes that Buller was an object of great interest at the recent Annual Meeting, when Lord George Hamilton, the President of the Hospital, decorated him with a silver collar. "Old Buller" was called up to the table, and a chair placed for him on which he sat while Lord George invested him with the collar.

In doing so, Lord George gravely addressed "Old Buller" as follows:—"Well now, Buller, I am going to present you with this collar. This is a tribute to your zeal

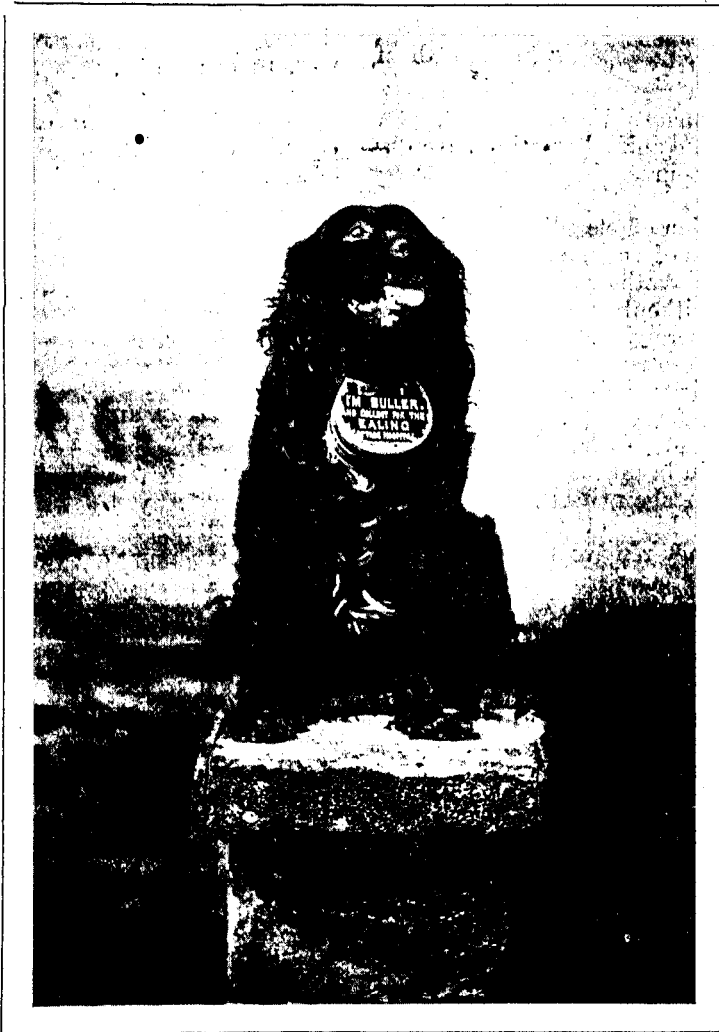
in getting £18 for the hospital during the past year. The collar was ordered by my wife, and, although it does not look very big, it is all pure silver. Therefore, when you walk down Ealing you will be able to wag your tail and know that you have a collar such as no other dog has got. Lady George, in ordering this collar, had an idea that when you collect for the hospital you also collect good things

for yourself. Allowance has, therefore, been made for this, and, supposing you get bigger, this collar can be let out."

Buller is a great favourite with all the children who know him, and they feed him to repletion with cake and biscuits, so the provision for letting out his collar is a wise one.

Time was, when hospitals were regarded with distrust by the poor, who only utilised them as a last resource. The employment of a higher type of nurse has had a most marked effect in creating confidence in them, and hospitals are now pleasant places. Indeed,

at the recent annual meeting of the General Infirmary, Leeds, the Vicar of Leeds, Dr. Bickersteth, described the Infirmary as one of the brightest spots in the whole of Leeds. Some people might, he said, urge that institutions of this character should be supported out of the rates, but he would deeply regret any departure from the splendid tradition of maintaining out of freewill offerings these great "hotels of God."



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A. Collector for the Ealing Cottage Hospital.

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