

In sending her subscription, a Missionary Matron writes from Turkish Arabia, "Having spent four months of last summer in London, studying and observing British nursing methods and conditions, I learned to appreciate your magazine. Please consider me, although American, a staunch supporter of British Nurses' interests." We feel sure many British nurses will be glad to know that, away on the Persian Gulf, where she is doing very fine work, this warm-hearted woman has such kindly thoughts for us.

ROYALTY AT CHESTER.

March 25th, 1914, will always be remembered as an important day in the annals of the Chester Infirmary. It had been long looked forward to by all connected with that Institution, as His Majesty had graciously promised to visit Chester and open the new Albert Wood Wings.

The day was gloriously fine, and fulfilled everyone's expectations, the only regret being that lack of time prevented the King and Queen from making a personal visit to the Infirmary. They were obliged to perform the opening ceremony by the use of an electric switch.

In the Town Hall Square over 1,000 people were waiting at mid-day to welcome Their Majesties, an exceedingly pretty and effective Royal Stand had been erected on one side of the Square, and on the other side, exactly opposite and just behind the Guard of Honour and in front of the Town Hall steps stood a collection of the Infirmary nurses in their pink and white uniform. After Their Majesties had received an address, the King made his reply, with a special reference to the Infirmary, upon which he conferred the title of "Royal." The Chairman then begged His Majesty to open the Albert Wood Wings, and at the same time to unveil a memorial tablet recording the generosity of Mr. Wood's gift in memory of King Edward VII.

His Majesty pulled the switch which had been placed on his right hand, and which was attached to the main door between the new wings.

As the doors opened, a signal was given from the Infirmary, and rockets were immediately fired from the Town Hall roof, followed by great cheering.

His Majesty expressed his great regret at being unable to visit the new Infirmary.

From 1 until 4 p.m. that afternoon the new Wings were thrown open for inspection by the public, as also from 2 to 4 on the remaining days of the week, and full advantage was taken of this opportunity of viewing the beautiful new wards, theatre, kitchens, and Nurses' Home, which are thoroughly up-to-date and have been so generously subscribed for by all those interested in the welfare of the sick of Chester and the surrounding districts.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

THE LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL.

The friends of the London Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road, N.W., had an opportunity of seeing its good work on Wednesday, March 28th, when the wards were thrown open for inspection before the annual meeting.

The children's ward, which owes its beauty to Lady Collins, once a Sister in the Hospital, is one of the most charming to be found anywhere. The walls are tiled, and illustrations of nursery rhymes, carried out in tiles also, vignettted in form, an improvement on the ordinary panels, are delightful. The green curtains of the cots continuing a note of colour in the walls, look charming against the cream background.

The small tiled aseptic ward for one patient came in for much admiration, and the men's ward adjoining is tiled also, mauve being the predominant note.

In the theatre, where the very best is made of the present space, although a new theatre is one of the things for which the hospital is awaiting a fairy godmother, the operating table is heated by electricity, the convenience of which will be appreciated by those who, trained in the days when surgeons were beginning to realize how much shock was prevented by warmth of the operating table, and who expected a water bed filled and *in situ* for all cases of any magnitude.

Tea was hospitably dispensed by the Matron, Miss Richardson, and at five o'clock Sir T. Vezey Strong, K.C.V.O., Chairman of the Board of Management, presided at the annual meeting in the Out-patient Hall, at five o'clock. In his own inimitable way the Chairman, referring to the unavoidable absence of Lord Alverstone, the President, said that as the property of the Board he was always at their disposal, that was why he was occupying the gap, even if he could not fill it. He briefly surveyed the work of the hospital, and in conclusion spoke with high appreciation of the work of the nursing staff, which he said was at least equal to anything else in the country. Their work was not taken up perfunctorily to earn a very small remuneration, but as a vocation. To the Matron he offered hearty acknowledgments for "a life devoid of fame or praise, yet nobly spent."

The next speaker was the Bishop of Willesden, who has lately joined the committee, and was described by the Chairman as the youngest and most attractive of their recruits.

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