

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

Prince Albert paid a private visit to the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, E., of which, he has recently become President, and was received by Colonel Lord William Cecil (the chairman), Dr. Porter Parkinson (senior physician), Mr. Joseph Meller (chairman of the House Committee), Miss Bushby (matron), and Mr. T. Glenton Kerr (the secretary).

The young Prince was shown everything of interest and impressed his entourage with his intelligent interest and charm.

Our Princes, as they come to man's estate, are impressed by their parents with a keen sense of *noblesse oblige*.

Sir William James Thomas was unanimously elected chairman of the Board of Management of the King Edward VII. Hospital, Cardiff, at the recent monthly meeting of the Board. Lady Thomas was formerly the Assistant Matron of the hospital.

The latest convert to payment by patients is the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, which will now ask patients to pay "according to their means."

MISS L. L. DOCK TO WRITE FIRST PART OF RED CROSS HISTORY.

We learn from the *American Journal of Nursing* that the story of the American Red Cross Nursing Service is to be recorded from the early days of its foundation to the present time as it faces towards its broad reconstruction programme.

That the eminent nursing historian, Miss Lavinia L. Dock has undertaken to write the first part of this history—the formative period, embracing the Civil and Spanish-American Wars, the formation of the Army Nurse Corps, and the Red Cross Reserve, as far as the declaration of war in 1914—secures accuracy and success for the undertaking.

Volume II will include the organisation and formation of the early units, the base hospitals, and the general nursing programme of the Red Cross following the participation of America in the war. Volume III will be concerned with the post-war activities of the service.

A VENTURE IN INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP.

The outcome of the work of the Society of Friends in France during the War is that a permanent maternity hospital is to be established at a cost of 1,000,000 francs. The Friends' Unit of the American Red Cross are financially responsible, and English Quakers are also participating in the work.

Two American and two English nurses will share the work, which has been described as "a venture in international friendship."

SIR VICTOR HORSLEY.

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BROTHERHOOD ADDRESSES.

Mr. Paget tells us that Sir Victor Horsley "desired to be in Parliament that he might be able to do more for democracy and for his profession; he would have worked hard on Committees, and he would have taken his place outside the House of Commons as a man elected to speak with authority to decisive audiences. If he had been returned in 1910 for the University of London; if he had steadily submitted himself to the limitations and the discipline of the House; if he had lived to now—there is no saying how high he might have risen in the world of politics."

As it was, the Market Harborough reverse came "when he was at the worst of his unpopularity. He was kept out of one thing after another. Opportunities were entrusted to lesser but safer men; and he was left, in the world of politics, to find his audiences for himself."

Some of us have heard him pleading eloquently for woman's suffrage from a cart in the Park, other opportunities were his Sunday afternoon addresses at "Brotherhood" meetings. "The Brotherhood now has a membership of half a million. Its motto is 'One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren.' Its intention 'To be non-sectarian, and to know no party politics.' Its ideal 'To win the people for Jesus Christ. To lead men and women into the Kingdom of God. To unite them in a brotherhood of Mutual Help. To encourage the study of social science. To enforce the obligations of Christian citizenship. To promote the unity of social service. To promote international brotherhood.' The Report for 1916 says of Horsley that he had been amongst the greatest of Brotherhood men—apostle of the war against disease and alcohol on our platforms, member of the London Speakers' League, 'a man to whom some of our leaders were looking as a potential National President.'"

The notes he has left of the addresses at Brotherhood meetings are an indication of his mind. Thus, "We live in an Empire where the sun never sets, and in slums where the sun never rises, . . . Montaigne's position, 'The honourable vocation is to work for the commonwealth, and the profit of the many.'"

"For Sir Victor Horsley," we read, "Christianity was Christian Ethics and Social Service; these he took and worked into the fabric of his life."

"There was in him," writes a well-known surgeon, "a hint of the archangel which I have never discovered in any other man, and that made one feel he could never be anything but young and strong." "It is," says Mr. Paget, "the exact phrase . . . when he came into a dull roomful of people there was an odd effect as if the lamps went up of their own accord."

"On a holiday his love of the country and of open air life inspired him to get and to give happi-

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