

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

On May 5th, 1921, the Convalescent Home attached to Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End, Stratford, is being opened by H.R.H. Princess Mary. The Home was formerly a large private residence, is situated in the midst of beautiful grounds, and occupies an enviable position. Theydon Towers, as the Home is to be known, will accommodate some thirty children, and is about one mile from Epping Station.

A new cot has been dedicated at the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, E., to the memory of Mr. Alfred Payne, J.P., the first Labour Mayor of Hackney, who died during his year of office last year.

With a debt at the end of 1920 of £80,000, since increasing at the rate of £1,000 a week, King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, is forced to refuse for the present to take any further in-patients. There is a waiting list of nearly 1,000. As accommodation becomes available the committee hope to make arrangements so that the vacant beds may be used by paying patients.

The Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths has sent £500 to St. Thomas's Hospital, which is appealing for £100,000. Bart.'s and St. Thomas's have special claims on the wealth of the City.

It will be remembered that in 1919 a fund was started for the extension of the General Hospital to form a Nottingham and Notts. War Memorial. The total amount now standing to the credit of the fund, including bank interest and dividends on investments, has reached nearly £96,000. In addition, the Duke of Newcastle has generously promised to give to the hospital trustees certain leaseholds adjoining the hospital premises, the value of which is estimated at £3,320. This gift has not only proved of great value in the selection of the site for the nurses' home, but will materially assist the Committee when further extension of the hospital is possible. Generous though the response has been, the amount in hand has only enabled the Extension Sub-Committee to undertake the building of a new nurses' home, and the reorganisation of the heating of the whole hospital, both matters of very urgent importance, the nursing staff being at present most inadequately housed.

A serious effort is being made to reorganise the managerial side of the King Edward VII. Hospital, Cardiff, and to establish the institution on a sound, business-like footing. With this object in view a strong committee has been formed under the chairmanship of Sir William Diamond, K.B.E., with large powers under its terms of reference. Several meetings have been already held, and important reforms are anticipated as the result of its deliberations. One of the most important

steps which it is intended to take is the incorporation of the hospital by Royal Charter. This is considered to be particularly desirable in order to stabilise the financial position of the institution in view of the fact that there is now an overdraft at the bank of over £60,000.

The Lord Mayor of Sheffield (Alderman W. F. Wardley), presiding at the annual meeting of the Royal Hospital, said whoever had read the report of the institution's work must have been struck with the absolute need there was for the effort that was now being put forth to join together all the various hospitals into a larger scheme, and to provide the scheme with sufficient money to carry on the work, which they were not able to do at present for want of financial help.

Mr. C. H. Blackburn said he represented 30,000 working-men in 42 branches, and up to the present not a single dissentient voice had been raised against the scheme of the Joint Hospitals Council. The hospital was the second home of the working-men, and they ought to contribute more than they had done in the past.

NEW REGULATIONS FOR THE TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

With the discontinuance of sanatorium benefit on May 1st, new regulations have been drafted by the Ministry of Health for the future treatment of tuberculosis. Arrangements will be made for increasing the grants payable to county and borough councils and joint committees for tuberculosis in aid of their approved expenditure on the treatment of the disease consequent on the discontinuance of the contributions from the insurance committees.

Special arrangements are to be made after May 1st for the provision of treatment in residential institutions and of other services for tuberculous ex-service men in England, and the Ministry of Health will repay the approved expenditure so incurred.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRONS.

Clayton Hospital, Wakefield.—Miss Agnes Cameron has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, where she subsequently held the position of Night Superintendent and Second Assistant Matron.

Northants County Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Rushden.—Miss Beatrice A. Allsop has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, S.E., and has been sub-Matron at the Royal Sea-Bathing Hospital Margate.

Rosevale Hospital, Dumfries.—Miss E. Morgan has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and was Sister and Night Sister there. She has also been Matron at Wallsend-on-Tyne, Crewe, and Harrogate Borough Hospitals.

Miss E. Morgan holds the certificate of the Central Midwives Board.

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