

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The King and Queen have sent to the Victoria Hospital for Children, Tite Street, Chelsea, two photographs signed by themselves, to be hung in the board room. The gift commemorates the visit of their Majesties to the hospital on Thursday, May 12th.

Princess Helena Victoria, President of the League of the Roses, has granted her patronage to the Crewe House Bazaar, in aid of the Great Northern Hospital, on June 2nd and 3rd.

From May 1st the London County Council took over the task of giving sanatorium treatment to persons under the National Insurance Act, and the London Insurance Committee ceased their labours in regard to that part of their duties.

The Governors of the Alexandra Hospital for Children with Hip Disease, Queen's Square, Bloomsbury, W.C., at a special meeting recently authorised the board to negotiate with St. Bartholomew's Hospital with a view to amalgamation.

Bart's expenses have risen from £90,400 to £176,650, the outgo on provisions being up by 107 per cent., and that on wages and salaries by 83½ per cent.

Payment by patients has been decided upon as one way out of the difficulty, but even then a balance on the right side will only be possible by means of increased generosity on the part of those able to assist.

The Federation of Medical and Allied Societies have a Dinner at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W., on Thursday, May 26th, to meet the Right Hon. C. Addison, M.D., M.P., and the Right Hon. Sir Alfred Mond, Minister of Health, and the Members of the Medical Group in Parliament.

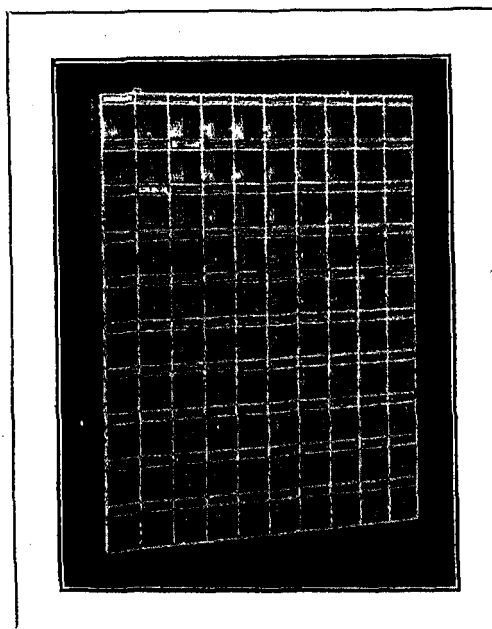
Thirty years ago we placed a scheme for a Nursing Home run on hotel lines, each speciality—medical, surgical, maternity, &c.—to be conducted on self-contained flats on floors, with public rooms in addition, before a well-known manager of a group of hotels. We bargained for a first-class chef and nursing staff. He turned it down as impracticable. Now we learn that this scheme is to be inaugurated in the West End of London, and a great point is to be made of the catering, the chef and the Nursing staff.

The St. Albans' Guardians are wise to determine to improve the present accommodation for their nurses, five of whom recently resigned. They have real grievances—one especially, the serving of their meals, is not nice, which is due to the fact that only inmate labour is available. A housemaid is to be engaged to attend to the nurses' quarters, and to wait upon the nursing staff at their meals.

PRACTICAL POINTS.

HAVE YOU A RACK FOR YOUR NAPKINS?

Every institution executive (says the *Modern Hospital*) has experienced the confusion that exists in dining rooms where napkins are not properly distributed. This confusion results frequently in an undue usage of clean napkins. Furthermore, napkins when soiled should not be brought in contact with each other. To overcome these objections, there has been recently designed a sanitary napkin rack for institution dining and service rooms. The rack is made of steel, white enamelled, and has a name plate for each compartment. These cabinets can be made in any size desired and, while particularly useful in nurses' dining rooms and cafeterias, are also used in the service rooms of larger institutions.



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ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

The Duke of York will open the London Conferences of the Royal Institute of Public Health, to be held at the Guildhall, on June 2nd, 3rd and 4th, and will be supported by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs and others. The first Session will be devoted to "Municipal Hygiene and its suggested connection with the administration of the Poor-Law"; and Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P. (Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health), will be amongst the speakers. "The Maintenance of Efficiency and Prevention of Ill-health in Industry," "Venereal Diseases and their Prevention," and "The Efficiency of the Present Machinery for Dealing with Tuberculosis," are also to be discussed.

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