

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

Princess Helena Victoria, on June 9th, will open a "Great Fair" at The Falcons, Herne Hill, organised by the Mayors of Camberwell and Lambeth in support of King's College Hospital, where beds are closed for want of funds. The Fair will be open for ten days, so the hospital should benefit materially.

The bazaar in aid of the funds of the Great Northern Central Hospital, at Crewe House, on Thursday, June 2nd, when it was opened by H.R.H. Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, and Friday, June 3rd, by the Duchess of Somerset, was a very gay affair, enlivened by the music of the band of the Grenadier Guards, which was in attendance each day. The stalls presided over by many well-known people, including members of the League of the Roses (the purpose of which is to raise funds for the hospital), were well supplied with most attractive articles to suit all tastes, not the least the second-hand bookstall, where the goods found many ready purchasers. It is certainly a "tip" to organisers of bazaars. The Houp-la, in charge of Boy Scouts, was also most popular.

One stall was furnished with the work of disabled soldiers. The lacquer work here was as wonderful as it was beautiful, and the toys and fancy articles made by one-armed men amazing.

There was a delicious cake that one could take away if only one could guess its correct weight, a fascinating box of mystery which was yours if you guessed aright what the initial letters of the articles within stood for. Or you might consult a palmist—a crystal-gazer. In the refreshment room were alluring ices and strawberries and cream at quite moderate prices. We hope to hear that the good work done by the Great Northern Hospital benefited substantially by the strenuous efforts on the part of those responsible for organising the bazaar.

A hospital has no stauncher friends than the nurses trained in its wards, so it is not surprising that the 750 nurses at the London Hospital are determined to take an active part in helping to get funds to reopen its 200 closed beds. Their bazaar in the hospital grounds on July 6th promises to "beat the band," and local colour will be given by the costers' barrows. Well do we remember how the best of everything was procurable from those barrows when we lived at the London. The House Governor, Mr. E. W. Morris, reminds the public that a 25 'bus from Bond Street will drop them at the door of the hospital, so we hope the nurses will bespeak an extra supply on July 6th. Conductors will get into trouble if more than five are allowed to stand inside.

The Garden Fête at the Prince of Wales' General Hospital, Tottenham, organized by the Ladies' Association and opened by the Matron, Miss E. T. Bickerton, R.R.C., on June 2nd, was a very

pleasant and successful affair. It was a lovely day and amongst the attractions were a rifle range, cocoanut shies, "Houp-la," and clock golf. The Convalescent Home at Nazeing, which is to be enlarged, and which the Fête is designed to help, should benefit appreciably.

The Minister of Pensions has appointed a committee to inquire into the management of Bellahouston Hospital by the Ministry of Pensions and the Joint Disablement Committee for the South-West of Scotland, and specially the organization of the Out-patient Department.

There was strong feeling shown at the meeting of the Metropolitan Asylums Board on Saturday, when a letter was read from the Ministry of Health suggesting economy in building operations in regard to sanatoria, one speaker characterising the proposal as disgraceful when hundreds of people were dying for lack of sufficient accommodation. The Ministry of Health seems to get criticism in plenty, whether it spends money on promoting health measures or whether it endeavours to practise economy. But it must be remembered that patients suffering from tuberculosis can be cared for quite efficiently without the erection of costly buildings.

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES.

In view of the excellent results obtained this year by the International Training Course for Public Health Nurses at the University of London, the League of Red Cross Societies Headquarters at Geneva has decided to organise a new course next year at Bedford College for Women, which, like King's College for Women, where the first course was held, is a part of the University of London. The course will begin on October 7th, 1921.

Nineteen nurses, representing eighteen countries, attended the first course. Nurses from Japan, China and New Zealand have already been inscribed for the new course, and many other inscriptions are expected. As was the case last year, national Red Cross Societies, members of the League, have been requested to offer scholarships to enable Red Cross nurses to take this course.

ALLEGED ILLEGAL DISMISSAL.

Recently three nurses at Brentford Union Hospital were discharged for alleged breaches of discipline.

The Poor Law Workers' Union asked the Ministry of Health to hold a public inquiry, but the Ministry refused.

The Guardians have now refused a request to state who will receive service of a writ for illegal dismissal.

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