

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

King Edward's Hospital Fund for London has received from the League of Mercy its contribution for the year of £16,000.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is to honour the Royal College of Surgeons of England with his presence at the Hunterian Festival dinner on February 14th, to receive the diploma of honorary fellowship to which His Royal Highness was elected on July 24th, 1919.

The Lord Mayor is supporting an appeal for £100,000 for St. Thomas' Hospital. After St. Bartholomew's Hospital (1123) St. Thomas' is the oldest royal hospital in England and was founded in 1213 by Peter de Rupibus in the reign of King John. These two ancient and splendid hospitals should be the special care of the City of London as both were formerly within its boundary, so we may feel sure that its wealthy citizens will come forward and face the serious financial crisis of St. Thomas' Hospital, so wisely rebuilt on one of the most lovely and invigorating sites in London.

Splendid bequests to hospitals have been announced during the week.

Mr. David Martin Currie, of Kensington, left an estate of the value of £996,492, and bequeathed about £270,000 to hospitals as follows:—£25,000 to the Greenock Infirmary; £20,000 each to the Poplar Hospital, St. Thomas's Hospital, St. George's Hospital, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Westminster Hospital, Middlesex Hospital, London Hospital, Guy's Hospital, and the Royal Caledonian Schools, Bushey; £10,000 to the Liverpool Royal Infirmary; £5,000 each to Liverpool Royal Southern Hospital, Belfast Infirmary, King's College Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, London, and King Edward's Fund, London (all above in Canada, India, or New Zealand stock); £1,000 each to the Seamen's Hospital Dreadnought, Greenwich, Somerset Hospital at Cape Town, and Kimberley Hospital, Kimberley; and £500 to the Women's Hospital, Shaw Street, Liverpool. He stated that he had made these charitable bequests of £5,000 and upwards in confidence that they would not be expended on building operations, but that the income would be used for the benefit of the patients.

After the payment of a number of legacies to relatives and others, one-half is to be divided between Greenock Infirmary and other institutions.

Mr. Dhunjilhoj Bomanji, of The Willows, Windsor, has forwarded a cheque for £5,000 to King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor. There are no conditions attached.

Dr. Addison, Minister of Health, has appointed a Departmental Committee to consider the present financial positions of voluntary hospitals and to

make recommendations as to any action which should be taken to assist them. The *personnel* will be as follows:—

Lord Cave, chairman; Sir Clarendon Hyde, Mr. R. C. Norman, L.C.C., and Mr Vernon Hartshorn.

A representative for Scotland will be added, and also a chartered accountant of high standing.

The secretary is Mr. L. G. Brock, C.B., and all communications should be addressed to him at the Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W.1.

It will be for Lord Cave and his colleagues to survey all the possibilities as the public cannot possibly afford to see the voluntary hospitals collapse. The report will be eagerly awaited.

Dr. Addison has also appointed a committee to inquire and report as to the reasons for the present high cost of building working class dwellings and to make recommendations as to any practicable measures for reducing it.

WEEDING OUT THE UNDESIRABLES.

Before licensing regulations, registration, and strict supervision were enforced, on the first of the year, there were no fewer than 208 massage establishments in the West End of London. Now there are but 32, whose operations are conducted generally to the satisfaction of the London County Council and the police.

Many of the less reputable places tried a last-moment wriggle by changing their descriptive signs to "Chiroprody," "Beauty Parlour," "Manicure," but second thoughts and a reference to the wording of the licensing rules persuaded their proprietors that it would be better to close down entirely.

Just after the armistice there were fifteen massage establishments in the length of Oxford Street alone. To-day there are but five. Regent Street, which once boasted five, has now only two, so much have the new regulations enforced legitimate business.

The proprietors of the remaining establishments welcome the salutary effect of the new rules as tending to guarantee the genuineness of their establishments.

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