

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital have sold four of their fully-licensed public-houses in London, which brought in a rental of £455. The sales realised £21,950, which invested produces an income of £1,269.

It will all be wanted, as the hospital has an adverse bank balance of £15,000, and needs £100 a day to continue its good work on a voluntary basis.

To reduce the cost of washing, which amounted to over a penny a piece for 20,000 pieces weekly, the Middlesex Hospital now takes in the washing of two other hospitals at cost price.

University College Hospital is now faced with a deficit of £20,000 for the current year. A "Great Society Ball" is to be held at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, on December 1st, when Lady Carisbrooke will be the hostess. Applications for tickets should be sent to the Appeal Officer, University College Hospital, Gower Street, London, W.C. 1.

Dr. Florence Ruth Clulow, M.B., B.S., has been appointed House Surgeon at King Edward VII. Hospital, Windsor, the first woman to be so appointed.

The late Mr. William Sutcliffe, of Cheetham Hill Road, Manchester, has bequeathed £1,000 each to the Manchester Royal Infirmary and Dispensary; St. Mary's Hospital for Women and Children; Salford Royal Hospital; and Ancoats Hospital. £500 each to St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blind Soldiers and Sailors, Deansgate; and the Northern Counties Hospital for Incurables, Manchester. £300 each to the Northern Hospital for Women and Children, Park Place; Cheetham Hospital, Manchester; and the Manchester Victoria Memorial Jewish Hospital, Cheetham. £250 to the Manchester Children's Hospital. £200 each to the Manchester and Salford Hospital for Skin Diseases; the Royal Albert Institution, Lancaster; and the Christie Hospital (Cancer Pavilion and Home). £100 each to St. John's Hospital, of Manchester and Salford, for the Ear; and the Ear Hospital, Grosvenor Square.

OUR DAY.

"Our Day" in support of the peace work of the Joint Council of the Order of St. John, and the British Red Cross Society will this year be held on October 1st. Ladies willing to sell flags are, we are informed, asked to send in their names to 19, Berkeley Street, W. 1, indicating the district which they prefer. There is no need why such collectors should wear nursing uniform, which, in our view, is out of place on such occasions.

ASYLUM PATIENT'S DEATH.

An inquest was held at Wakefield last week on Arthur Crosthwaite (43), formerly a miner at Castleford, who died on Sunday, August 21st from shock following scalds received while a patient at the Wakefield Asylum, of which the *Yorkshire Post* publishes a report which we print below.

Mrs. Caroline Crosthwaite, the widow, said her husband had been a patient at the Wakefield institution for some years. She saw him on Thursday last after the accident, and he then told her that he had done it himself, and added that he did not know he had done it. In reply to the foreman of the jury (Mr. W. Hazell) witness said her husband at the time he made the statement was not as sensible as he usually was.

Herbert Price, a patient in the Asylum, gave remarkable evidence. He said he saw Nurse Kaye go to the patient Crosthwaite with another patient named Billy Metcalfe, and ask Metcalfe to get Crosthwaite prepared for washing, whilst she went down to the laundry. She said she would be back in a few minutes.

In her absence, two other patients, Walter Pickering and Bertie Bowles, interfered with Metcalfe, and stripped him. They got some cold water in buckets and threw it over Crosthwaite, who was naked in a backyard—not in the bathroom. They then saw Metcalfe bringing a bucket of hot water and they took it from him, saying: "This is warm water; this will shift him." They threw the hot water over Crosthwaite, who cried out, "Oh!" Witness then reported what had happened to Nurse Beaumont, who came on the scene, saying to Bowles and Pickering: "You cruel beggars."

Nurse Esther Beaumont gave evidence, and said Price did not tell her hot water had been thrown over Crosthwaite.

The Coroner (Mr. C. J. Howarth): Didn't you ask any questions as to how this man came to be stripped naked in the backyard?—Nurse Beaumont: No.

Did you tell Nurse Kaye that she ought not to have left him?—No.

Is it against the regulations for one patient to wash another?—Yes, except when a nurse is present.

Nurse Florence Hill said she had noticed that Crosthwaite was very dirty, and she had told Nurse Kaye to wash him. She could not account for his being stripped and washed in the backyard.

Nurse G. M. Kaye, of Heath Common, Wakefield, said Crosthwaite was in a filthy state when she got instructions to bath him. She took him into the lavatory at the back of the isolation hospital and told Metcalfe to prepare him. By this she meant that he was to take off his boots and stockings. She was away about five minutes. She had told Metcalfe not to start washing Crosthwaite until she came back. She was surprised to find Crosthwaite stripped and washed when she

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