

## THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

### CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL

#### "WARD II SURGICAL" CHANGES ITS NAME.

A brief, but very interesting ceremony took place at Charing Cross Hospital on Friday, October 21st.

The Shanghai Race Club has made a munificent gift of £12,000 to the hospital, just at a time when, in common with other less fortunate institutions, it most needed help. It was decided to use the money to endow the above women's ward of fourteen beds, and that it should henceforth bear the name of the "Shanghai Race Club Ward," in honour of the generous donors. H.R.H. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, President of the hospital, graciously consented to preside at the ceremony and re-dedicate the ward. She was received by the Chairman, Mr. George Verity, the Secretary, Mr. Philip Inman, and the Matron, Miss Tice, and conducted to the ward.

Mr. Verity explained that the gift had been contributed by our fellow countrymen in China, to be used for whatever purpose might be deemed most desirable. A letter was read from Lord Lonsdale, Hon. Treasurer, who was unable to be present, who, in acknowledging the splendid gift, referred to the great generosity of the Club throughout the war, which had sent thousands of pounds to the Red Cross Funds, besides maintaining the Union Jack Club for Petty Officers in Shanghai.

Princess Louise said it gave her great pleasure as President of the Hospital to receive on its behalf the munificent gift, for the endowment of the ward. It was the result, she explained, of Lord Lonsdale's kind and thoughtful exertions in making Mr. Verity's appeal widely known. It was not only among those who may directly benefit by the work of the hospital in healing the sick, but among all those who recognise the value of the training and experience in the wards by the medical and nursing professions, for the whole community, that such a gift is sincerely appreciated. Her Royal Highness requested that the sincere thanks of the hospital authorities be conveyed to the donors. The Princess concluded by saying: "It gives me much pleasure to name this the Shanghai Ward." She then unveiled the dedicatory plate, upon which are inscribed the words:

"This Ward is endowed by the generosity of the members of the Shanghai Race Club, showing how our countrymen thousands of miles away, support an institution such as this, in the centre of the homeland. The patients will always remember this generosity when they have been brought back to health, strength and life."

Mr. A. W. Birkhill, on behalf of the Club, said that when the war broke out, it was decided not to discontinue racing but to raise all entrance fees, and place taxes on winnings and sweepstakes, and use the money for such purposes as that now applied; he also added that a further sum of £500 had been sent. After a very hearty and loyal

vote of thanks had been proposed to the Princess, the meeting terminated. The ceremony was preceded by a prayer, said by the Assistant Chaplain, in the place of the Chaplain (Rev. H. L. R. Sheppard), who was unable to be present. Tea was most hospitably provided for the guests afterwards.

Queen Alexandra has allocated £500 from the Alexandra Day Fund to the British Home and Hospital for Incurables, at Streatham, of which she is patroness.

The Mayor of Exeter has given his support to the inauguration of a campaign on behalf of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, and as part of this effort a Grand Bazaar and Auction Sale is being held on the 27th and 28th October, in the New Wing of the Hospital, which, though approaching completion, will not be ready for reception of patients until the beginning of 1922.

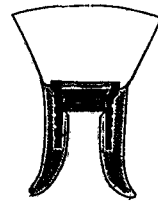
### THE "ECLIPSE" HOT-WATER BOTTLE.

It is only a few weeks ago since we were sending our muslins to be laundered, and now the cold weather, which has put off its appearance for so long, is suddenly upon us. Forewarned is forearmed, and many people no doubt have provided themselves with hot-water bottles against this contingency. But for many more the urgent necessity of securing them is apparent.

We commend to the attention of those about to purchase hot-water bottles the special merits of the "Eclipse" made by "Ingram's, London," at the London India Rubber Works. The Patent Constructed Neck here illustrated is a great



The Patent Rubber Covered Screw Stopper, No. 107940, in section.



The Patent Constructed Neck (No. 118022) shows the brass socket embedded in rubber, rendering it impossible for water leakage to occur.

improvement on the old style, and prevents the often recurring trouble of leaky necks. The Patent Washer (Patent Rubber Covered Screw Stopper) is also an immense advantage. There is no loose washer to get lost, as the Stopper itself is covered with rubber, and our above illustration shows the Patent Washer in section (1) gripping the brass flange, making it a fixture; (2) presenting a broad solid rubber seating, which, when screwed down, renders the bottle absolutely watertight. These hot-water bottles, branded with the Registered Trade Mark, Ingram's "Eclipse," can be purchased from any high-class chemists or stores.

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