

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

Sir Alfred Mond, the Minister of Health, has sent a long personal letter to each of the members of the newly-appointed Hospitals Commission, the chairman of which is the Earl of Onslow. Sir Alfred is emphatic in his letter that the £500,000 is a final gift to be made by the Government. If the voluntary system is to be saved, it must be saved by public, and not State support, and Sir Alfred Mond is wise in impressing this fact upon hospital managers.

At a special meeting of the General Council of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, held on July 13th, the following paragraph appears in a letter from the President, the Prince of Wales, who was unable to be present:—

"If the Government cannot do as much as Lord Cave's Committee think will be required, a still greater effort is required of the Hospitals and the Central Funds, backed, I hope, by the public, to carry out the suggestions in Lord Cave's report, and thus to avert the injury to the welfare of the sick and the enormous expense to the State which the Report rightly says would follow if the Voluntary Hospital System fell to the ground"

In the absence of the Prince of Wales, President of Guy's Hospital, the Duke of York unveiled a War Memorial at the Hospital on July 15th. The War Memorial takes the form of new entrance gates on the eastern side of the hospital building, with the names of the fallen men of the hospital engraved on its two pillars. The new massage annexe was also opened.

The Governors of Guy's Hospital are not in favour of setting aside a certain number of beds for the middle classes. They maintain that the provision of paying beds at a moderate fee would help the funds only if a large number of the existing beds were reserved for paying patients, and these beds are fully required for the service of the sick poor.

The British Medical Association has had a busy time at its Annual Meeting at Newcastle. Amongst the resolutions adopted were: (1) "That the Association use all its power to support a member who refuses to divulge, without the patient's consent, information obtained in the exercise of his professional duties, except where it is already provided by Act of Parliament that he must do so." (2) Approving of the maintenance of the voluntary hospital system; and (3) Against affiliation with any other medical or non-medical bodies in this country. Sir William MacEwen, Regius Professor of Surgery at Glasgow University, was elected next President of the Association. The 1923 meeting will be held at Portsmouth.

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BIRMINGHAM AND THREE COUNTIES CENTRE.

On Tuesday, July 26th, at 5.30 p.m., in the Lecture Theatre of the General Hospital, Birmingham (by kind permission of the Governors), Dr. Harries, Medical Superintendent of the City Hospital, Little Bromwich, will lecture on "Barrier Nursing in Fever Cases."

Admission: Members, free; Non-Members, 1s.
G. M. E. JONES,
Hon. Press Sec.

MESSRS. BROOKS & CO.'S UNIFORMS AND OUTFITS.

The nurses' uniforms and outfits supplied by Messrs. Brooks & Co., Nurses' Outfitters and Hospital Contractors, 149, Borough High Street, London Bridge (near Guy's Hospital, Southwark Cathedral, and London Bridge stations) have obtained a widespread popularity, and are supplied to nurses in all parts of the world.

The prices of this firm are very moderate, thus a dress (the Patricia) suitable either as uniform or mufti costs in cotton from 17s. 11d., or in alpaca from 48s. 9d.; it is made with two tucks over the shoulder, continuing down the back, with a broad panel in front.

The "Imperial" coat, recently introduced by this firm is a very useful shape, and can be worn either as uniform or with ordinary dress.

There is a large selection of uniform bonnets and hats, to suit all varieties of tastes and pockets. Aprons and overalls are also a distinctive feature. The firm have a large Post Order Department, and supply forms for self-measurement, with patterns and prices. Their Crown Catalogue for Nurses is lavishly illustrated, and nurses who cannot visit the establishment will have no difficulty in selecting what they require with its help, whether articles of uniform, or bags and trunks. We advise our readers to write for this catalogue. There is a 5 per cent. discount on catalogue prices during July.

COMING EVENTS.

July 28th.—Complimentary Dinner to Miss Steuart Donaldson. Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. 7.15.

July 30th.—Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland. Quarterly Meeting. Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. 3 p.m. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will explain the Rules for Registration.

August 3rd.—Central Midwives Board, Examinations, London, Bristol, Manchester, and Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Oral Examinations follow a few days later.

WORD FOR THE WEEK.

"I tell you that in matters of government force means justice as well as virtue."—*Napoleon.*

"He who leaves the game loses it."—*Bernadotte.*

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