

### THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Duke of York who presided at the 54th annual meeting of Governors of the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, of which he is President, made a strong appeal for the £10,000 acutely needed by the hospital, which the Lord Mayor is making generous efforts to raise. Lord William Cecil, moving the adoption of the report, said the hospital was conducted in the most economical way possible, and yet their debt to their bankers and tradesmen was over £10,000.

This hospital has a very high reputation for treatment and efficiency, and under its liberal-minded Matron the ethical standard of the nursing department permits of a wholesome measure of independence with resulting content.

At last everyone interested in maintaining our voluntary hospital system is getting a push on. An organising Committee of the Hospitals of London Combined Appeal have arranged a Flag Day on Empire Day, May 24th, and an appeal for 50,000 volunteers has been issued to sell flags. The Committee has received the following message from Queen Alexandra:—

"I hear with the deepest interest of the combined appeal for the hospitals in London which is being organised by King Edward's Hospital Fund, and I rejoice to think that my grandson, the Prince of Wales, is taking so active a part in the movement. In the serious crisis through which our hospitals are passing, I feel that every effort should be made to relieve them of the financial strain which is so acute at the present time, and it is my earnest hope that the appeal, which has my most sincere sympathy, will meet with the unqualified success which it so fully merits.—  
ALEXANDRA."

A sale of gifts in connection with the combined appeal for the London hospitals is to be held at Christie's, and sporting events are also being arranged.

Functions of every description to charm money out of the pockets of the public are being arranged, and representatives of the stage and cinemas, together with Society women, educational and teaching bodies, are combining to raise the very large sum of money needed to free our hospitals from debt and place them on a sound financial basis.

A National Council for Mental Hygiene has been formed, with Sir Courtauld Thomson as its first President.

Sir Duncombe Mann, for thirty-one years clerk to the Metropolitan Asylums Board, is retiring, and the Board last week accorded him a hearty vote of thanks in appreciation of his services.

We are glad to notice a hopeful note from most platforms dealing with the upkeep of the hospitals. There is more co-operation amongst administrators and more sympathy with the working people's demand for representation in return for

systematic financial support. The truth is that in large industrial centres, when fully employed, the working classes will, in the future, largely supply the means of hospital benefit. But, of course, the workers must share more and more in the profit of their labour. We have been shocked but not surprised at the huge sums of money recently recorded in the wills of industrial magnates. Profiteering has evidently been ruthless during recent years to judge from the cost of commodities.

The Bermondsey and Rotherhithe War Memorial Committee have handed over £9,100, the balance of the money collected for a children's hospital, to the Governors of Guy's Hospital towards endowment of a new children's ward. The erection of a memorial at Mill Pond Bridge cost £1,900.

It was originally intended to establish a children's hospital in the borough as a war memorial, but the sum raised, although the largest in any Metropolitan borough, was not sufficient for this purpose.

The £19,150 grant by the Ministry of Health Voluntary Hospitals Committee to Sheffield hospitals comes at an opportune juncture. It should be of material assistance in helping them to negotiate a time of unexampled difficulties.

The \$100,000 (about £22,000) offered by Lord Atholstan for cancer research work is to go to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund in London. The second \$100,000, offered as a prize for a cancer cure, will be open to the world. It will be awarded by the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Surgeons of London.

The fourth house-to-house collection of the Royal Northern Hospital was carried out by one thousand voluntary workers from May 1st to 6th. The Hospital is the only General Hospital in North London and serves a population of a million in an area of seventy square miles.

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