

HOSPITAL WORLD.

A grant of £6,000 from the King Edward's Fund has been allocated to the Nurses' Home in connection with the St. Mary's Hospital, Plaistow.

The institution at Brentwood managed by the Metropolitan Asylums Board is in future to be known as High Wood Hospital for Children.

It was intensely gratifying to those who have worked so hard for success to find that such a liberal response has been made from all quarters to the mammoth bazaar, which is extending over four days, in aid of the furnishing of the nurses' new home in connection with the Nottingham General Hospital, which, when completed, will supply one of the many pressing needs for the improvement of the Institution. In addition to consolidating the nurses' quarters, instead of the scattered and inadequate homes at present in use, the new building will form a Nottingham and Notts. war memorial. We hope to hear the takings later—a very handsome sum is anticipated.

THE GLAXO FILM.

A special invitation performance of the Glaxo Film, which was exhibited for the first time, was given on the afternoon of Saturday, November 18th, at the Metropolitan Theatre, Edgware Road, W. 1. The theatre was well filled with an audience consisting chiefly of medical practitioners and nurses.

The film, which was of great interest, was explained by Mr. H. Jephcott, who, in stating that Glaxo is manufactured solely in New Zealand and Australia, the milk supplies being obtained from farms surrounding the factories, remarked that he had not long been home in the English climate, and commented on the importance of sunshine in a dairy country, amongst other things, because it assists in producing the conditions under which clean milk is more readily obtained.

The film showed some wonderful pictures of the scenery in New Zealand and Australia, as well as illustrating the scientific manner in which the packing and manufacture of Glaxo is carried out, herds of cattle in their pasture, the conditions under which cows are kept in the milking sheds, and the safeguards observed to secure a product of high standard, including the milking of the cows by machinery were demonstrated.

Besides the illustrations of the industry at the Antipodes, pictures were shown of the processes carried on at Glaxo House. Those who are familiar with the headquarters of this great industry at Glaxo House, Osnaurgh Street, London, must have realised how wonderfully the film illustrates the work. It was announced that the film could be obtained for exhibition at Infant Welfare Centres. Education through the eye is undoubtedly a method of propaganda in the future, and a very excellent method it is. Much interest was evinced by those present at the performance, and expressions of goodwill for the Directors of Glaxo, who issued the invitations.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

MAJOR BARNETT'S ELECTION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Will you allow me, through your columns, to thank the Nurses who voted for me in the Parliamentary Election last Wednesday and those others who, having no vote for South-West St. Pancras, yet found time amid the exacting duties of their profession, to work in my Committee rooms or canvass the electors.

Where so many gave me help and sympathy, it is almost invidious to particularise, but I wish particularly to thank the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, and Miss Isabel Macdonald and the Royal British Nurses, who came to my assistance in force on Polling Day. Happy the candidate whose cause can claim such charming advocates!

May I also take this opportunity of thanking you, Dear Madam, for the article which appeared in the issue for November 4th of your widely-read Journal? While far too flattering to myself, it at least served the purpose of drawing attention to the needs of one who, however inadequately, had tried to forward the Nurses' cause.

Finis coronat opus and my re-election with an increased majority of 2,756 has, I know, given satisfaction to those friends who so generously and so spontaneously placed their services at my disposal.

Yours very sincerely,

R. W. BARNETT.

House of Commons,
November 20th.

WEAL OR WOE FOR OUR PROFESSION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—As the forthcoming election of our representatives on the General Nursing Council is of the utmost importance and fraught with far-reaching possibilities for weal or woe for our profession, I write to suggest that all earnest-minded nurses, who have the welfare of their profession at heart, should make special intercession to God that all nurse electors be guided aright in their choice of persons as their representatives, particularly during the time the voting papers are out.

Also to wish you and all Independent Candidates every success, especially you and the valiant minority of the General Nursing Council, who have so consistently upheld the rights of the nurses during these last eighteen months.

I sincerely hope all registered nurses will vote for those candidates who have shown they prefer principles to patronage (which is the bane of our profession), and who moreover have the courage to voice those principles.

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