

HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Prince of Wales, as President of King Edward's Hospital Fund, will visit the London County Hall on Friday, March 16th, in order to receive a cheque representing the amount collected by children in the London County Council schools in connection with the Hospitals of London Combined Appeal. It is understood that the occasion will be a "children's day."

A stand to view the Royal Wedding Procession will be erected at Westminster Hospital, facing the West Door of the Abbey. The proceeds will be devoted to the Hospital, and immediate application for seats should be made to the Secretary, Westminster Hospital, London, S.W.1.

Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, has consented to become President of the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, Westminster.

The celebration of the 800th anniversary of the founding by Rahere of the great religious foundation of the Church of St. Bartholomew's the Great, West Smithfield, E.C., and the hospital adjoining, opened auspiciously on Sunday last, when the Bishop of London preached at a service attended by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs in state. At the evening service the preacher was the Archdeacon of London. The Hospital, as already announced, is making preparations to hold its own celebration in June, and there is every indication that this will be carried out on lines worthy of the great occasion.

Lord Knutsford—Prince of Beggars—opened last week, in the Press, the Quinquennial Appeal for the London Hospital. Last year the income of the hospital was £18,000 short of expenditure, and the hospital's available assets were pledged to the extent of £70,000. Here is an opportunity for the benevolent.

Mrs. Jessie M. Meade-King of West Derby, Liverpool, has left £5,000 to the Royal Liverpool County Hospital for Children, Heswall, Cheshire, and £3,000 to the Liverpool Queen Victoria District Nursing Association.

The Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain, M.P., Minister of Health, has appointed Mr. Douglas Veale, of the Ministry of Health, to be his private secretary.

The Royal Northern Hospital has received an anonymous donation of £500 in response to its appeal for a nurses' home.

The *Times* reports from Johannesburg that the Government is introducing a Divorce Bill in the forthcoming Session. The Bill provides that a decree may be granted on the ground that the defendant is suffering from leprosy or has been declared by the competent Court to be insane

and incurable, or to be an habitual criminal. Detention in a mental hospital for five years is to be *prima facie* evidence that the defendant is incurable, but there is nothing to prevent the plaintiff from proving before the expiration of that period that the defendant is incurable.

KING EDWARD'S HOSPITAL FUND FOR LONDON.

We are asked to state that Hospitals in the County of London, or within nine miles of Charing Cross, desiring to participate in the grants made by this Fund for the year 1923 must make application before the 31st instant to the Honorary Secretaries, 7, Walbrook, E.C. 4.

Applications will also be considered from Convalescent Homes which are situated within the above boundaries or which, being situated outside, take a large proportion of patients from London.

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COMING EVENTS.

March 16th.—Meeting, General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Ministry of Health, Whitehall. 2.30 p.m.

March 17th.—Royal British Nurses Association. Lecture on Sir Christopher Wren, by Major Rigg, O.B.E. 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. 3 p.m.

March 19th.—Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. Literary and Debating Society. Subject: "Procedure at Meetings." Mrs. Ryder Richardson. 8 p.m.

March 24th.—Annual Meeting Scottish Nurses' Club. The Most Hon. the Marchioness of Ailsa in the chair. Club House, 203, Bath Street, Glasgow. 3 p.m.

March 24th.—Royal British Nurses' Association Club. Concert. Mr. Zacharewitsche (the world-famous violinist), Miss Kathleen Dawn, and Mr. Harold Horton. Tickets from the Secretary.

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