

WORTHING GENERAL HOSPITAL.

EXTENSION BLOCK OPENED BY EARL OF ATHLONE.

A record day for Worthing was April 24th, when the Extension Block of the Worthing General Hospital was opened by the Earl of Athlone.

The President (H. M. P. Wyatt, Esq., J.P.), in his opening speech, said since the Charity was founded in 1829 134,450 people had been treated.

The Earl of Athlone congratulated all on the way the new scheme had been carried out and said they had very rightly built more Maternity Wards, and he was certain that in doing this they were meeting a great need.

Lord Athlone referred to the success of the household box scheme and said if everybody lent a hand how easy things became.

He then received donations for the New Wing, amounting to £274.

A pretty little ceremony followed when Lord Athlone presented the retiring Matron (Miss E. Burford) with an Illuminated Address from the township of Worthing, with a cheque of £71, as a slight token of 29 years' work.

After Lord Athlone had inspected the new Maternity and private wards, tea was served in the Matron's sitting-room. A Guard of Honour was formed by the nurses.

At an informal gathering later Miss Burford was presented with a Queen Anne tea set by the Medical Staff, and a silver bread tray from the Nursing Staff.

We wish her happiness in her long-earned rest.

HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Prince of Wales, as President of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, will take luncheon with the Lord Mayor, at the Mansion House, on Tuesday, June 5th, to meet the delegates from Universities and other public bodies attending the 800th anniversary celebrations.

The House of Lords, on the 18th inst., struck a blow at the vandals who propose to demolish Whitgift Hospital. Without a division it was decided to instruct the Committee on the Croydon Bill to strike out all powers relating to the compulsory acquisition of the hospital. Three hundred-and-twenty years ago the hospital was founded by John Whitgift, the Archbishop of Canterbury in the later years of Queen Elizabeth's reign, and it is in vigorous and useful life to-day. Here is a building, beautiful in its simplicity, remarkable for its quiet dignity, in the middle of a noisy borough. It was built in Shakespeare's day, opened, worked, and occupied in that time practically as it was now.

The House of Lords has done us many a good turn. To save the Whitgift Hospital is not the least of them.

The Duke of York has accepted the invitation to become chairman of the Council of the British Red Cross Society in place of the Duke of Devon-

shire, who resigned owing to pressure of public work.

Mr. Frank Briant, M.P., last week resigned the chairmanship of the Lambeth Board of Guardians, a position he has held for thirteen years. The nurses lose a good friend.

LEGAL MATTERS.

ABSCONDING NURSE SENT TO PRISON.

Arrested at Portsmouth six months after absconding from "a luxuriously furnished surgical and maternity home" at Hampstead, Evelyn Haywood, 32, nurse, was ordered to prison at Marylebone. She was accused of obtaining £200 by fraud from the late Mr. Walter Fairbridge, coach-builder, of Crawford-street, Bryanston Square. Mr. A. A. Romain, prosecuting, explained that in November, 1921, prisoner obtained an advance from Mr. Fairbridge upon the security of furniture at her home in Cannon Road, Hampstead, which, in a statutory declaration, she represented to be her property. She got seriously into arrear in her payments, and eventually deserted the home. It was then discovered that a considerable portion of the furniture had been obtained under a hire-purchase agreement. The actual loss to the executors of Mr. Fairbridge eventually proved to be about £85. Detective Arney told the magistrate that accused was not a fully-qualified nurse. In June, 1921, with a capital of £100, she commenced the Haywood Surgical and Maternity Home at Cannon Road. It was a large house, and was luxuriously furnished, but the business failed, probably from want of capital; and in October last year she absconded with a woman named Miffin. Miffin was subsequently arrested at Kimberley Road, Portsmouth, for not registering a child she had taken for reward, the evidence showing that the infant had died without a doctor having been called in, and that the body had been burnt in a copper. Both women knew about this, remarked the officer, but only Miffin was charged. Haywood was handed over to the Metropolitan Police. Witness added that the two women had several children, for one of which they received three guineas a week, and another two guineas. At Hampstead, Haywood owed £25 to the fishmonger, and similar amounts to various other tradesmen. Accused was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

Presumably this woman is not a Registered Nurse. Under the new *bona fides* Rule, we shall, no doubt, run the risk of many such.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

A meeting of the National Council will be held one day in the first week in June. We hope leagues and self-governing organisations of Trained Nurses who have not yet affiliated with the National Council will take into consideration the benefit of doing so. Nurses' Leagues need to come into association with each other so as to extend their outlook on nursing generally, and grouped in the National Council they thus become federated with the great International Council of Nurses, and their influence becomes world-wide. Leagues wishing to join the National Council can obtain all information from Miss B. Cutler, Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1.

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