

HOSPITAL WORLD.

At a meeting of the hospital governors of St. Paul's Hospital, Endell Street, W.C., Dr. Thomson, Director of the Pickett-Thomson Research Laboratory, stated that in samples of bacilli from the throats of patients suffering from scarlet fever and measles he had found two new germs somewhat similar to each other. It was quite possible that these two germs could be the cause of measles and scarlet fever, but it would take some time to discover whether they were or not.

An appeal broadcasted by wireless by Viscount Knutsford, Chairman of the London Hospital, asked young women who might be listening-in to communicate with him at the London Hospital with a view to entering the nursing profession. If the necessary funds are forthcoming and with them the number of new nurses required, he will be able to re-open some of the 100 beds that at present are closed at the hospital for lack of funds, and for which 1,000 patients are on the waiting list.

The Minister of Health, with the concurrence of the Trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation, has appointed a Transitional Executive Committee in connection with the proposed School of Hygiene. The functions of the Committee will be to appoint a Director, at a salary of £4,000 a year, to arrange for amalgamation or co-ordination between the School and other institutions working in similar or closely related spheres, to prepare plans for the new School, and to begin building, unless in the meantime it has been possible to set up the permanent Governing Body.

At the meeting of the Seamen's Christian Friend Society at the Haberdashers' Hall, E.C., it was stated that Capt. G. A. K. Wiseley, the new president, and Mrs. Wiseley had given £25,000 towards the endowment of the new King George Merchant Seamen's Memorial Hospital at Malta.

A concert will be given at the Mansion House this Friday in aid of the Queen's Hospital for Sick Children, Hackney Road. Princess Beatrice will be present.

Mr. Herbert Paterson is inviting some of his "gastric" patients to tea in the Outpatients' Hall of the London Temperance Hospital on Saturday, June 9th, at 3.45 p.m. Tea will be followed by an entertainment. Such amenities between surgeon and hospital patients are a capital way of keeping up the interest of those who have benefitted by attention in the hospital. They should make helpful friends for it.

The result of Egg Week at the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital has been a splendid success. A total of 27,000 eggs have been received, of which

the school children collected 21,000. Some water-glass will be required to preserve this wonderful supply.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin has accepted the King's offer of the post of Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury, and took his seat as Premier in the House of Commons on Monday, after having been elected Leader of the Conservative Party. He had a splendid reception in the House, to the evident delight of his wife, who was seated in the Speaker's Gallery. Mr. Baldwin is reported to be a man of very warm sympathy with those less fortunate than himself, born as he was into the purple of wealth; so let us hope he will find time to acquaint himself with the reasons for the unpopularity of Nursing as a profession with the type of woman we so greatly need in the service of the sick, and that he will help them.

The International Conference on the various aspects of day nursery work, held at Carnegie House, Piccadilly, this week, deals with a very important subject, and the phenomenal increase in day nurseries in the last 50 years, described by Muriel, Viscountess Helmsley, shows the need for their provision.

THE MONTHS.

June.

Of your enchantments roses are but one,
And Dawn, who sees them lift
Sweet faces with a greeting to the Sun
Holds them your fairest gift.
But fine the silver drift
Of wind swept barley on the green hill side,
Or, in the waning light
Blossoming bean-fields wafting incense wide
To bid the Sun goodnight,
A little while, goodnight.

C. B. M.

COMING EVENTS.

June 1st.—The Ranyard Mission: Annual Meeting, the Central (Small) Hall, Westminster. Chairman, The Lord Bishop of Woolwich, D.D. Organ Recital, 2.30 p.m.

June 5th to 9th.—St. Bartholomew's Hospital Octocentenary Celebrations.

June 9th.—League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. General Meeting. 3 p.m. "At Home," Great Hall, to Delegates to the Octocentenary Celebrations. 4 to 6 p.m. On view, Part of Queen Mary's Nurses Home.

June 11th.—Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. Miss Alice Cattell "At Home." 3 to 6 p.m.

June 14th.—National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland. Annual Meeting. Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. Luncheon 1 p.m. Meeting 2.30 p.m.

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