

## THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

At a meeting of representatives of local Voluntary Hospital Committees, held in July last, it was decided to adopt a proposal made by the Voluntary Hospitals Commission to establish a small Consultative Committee of members of Local Committees. The purpose of this Committee is to provide a body closely in touch with local opinion, to which the Commission could refer for assistance and advice. The Commission after inviting nominations from local Hospital Committees, have now appointed the following to be a Consultative Committee for England and Wales:—

Right Hon. F. D. Acland, Devonshire Local Voluntary Hospital Committee; Alderman E. C. Barnes, C.B.E., Derbyshire L.V.H. Committee; Captain W. Best, North Wales L.V.H. Committee; Mr. J. J. Cockshott, O.B.E., Lancashire L.V.H. Committee; Rev. G. B. Cronshaw, Berks, Bucks and Oxon L.V.H. Committee; Mr. H. N. Crouch, Somerset L.V.H. Committee; Sir James Curtis, K.B.E., Birmingham and Gloucestershire L.V.H. Committee; Mr. Walter Davies, Manchester L.V.H. Committee; Sir David Drummond, C.B.E., Northumberland L.V.H. Committee; Mr. H. W. C. Drury, Norfolk L.V.H. Committee; Sir Henry Hadow, C.B.E., Sheffield L.V.H. Committee; Mr. Noel Hanbury, C.B.E., Hampshire L.V.H. Committee; Viscount Lascelles, K.G., D.S.O., East and West Ridings of Yorkshire, L.V.H. Committee; Colonel R. J. S. Simpson, C.B., C.M.G., Kent L.V.H. Committee; Sir A. Garrod Thomas, Monmouthshire L.V.H. Committee; Right Rev. Bishop Welldon, Durham L.V.H. Committee.

We are pleased to learn that at last the British Red Cross Society intends to assist in relieving distress in the Near East. The Red Cross organizations of other countries are already actively at work, and in co-operation with these and with British Government officials, British relief will be carried out. As pointed out by the *Times*, Greek territories have now become an actual, rather than a potential famine area, and unless instant help is forthcoming, Greece, with an increase of population of 20 per cent., will become utterly exhausted. Large numbers of Christian refugees from Asia Minor and the Christian population of Constantinople are leaving hurriedly to seek shelter in Greek territory. The catastrophe threatens annihilation to the peoples bordering the Ægean Sea, and the appearance there of plague, typhus, cholera, and other epidemics, forms a serious menace to Western Europe.

The enlargement of Westminster Hospital is now imperatively demanded, and some important developments will be taken in hand, including the addition of another storey to the building, at an early date.

The estimated expenditure of the Metropolitan Asylums Board for the year ending March 31st, 1924, is £2,110,000, a net decrease of £164,030.

## OUTSIDE THE GATES.

Our readers will share the pleasure expressed by the King and Queen at the betrothal of His Royal Highness the Duke of York to Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, daughter of the Earl and Countess of Strathmore and Kinghorne. We all love a romance, and the marriage will be all the more popular that the bride-elect, a descendant of the Scottish King Robert II, comes of a family which has not enriched itself at the expense of the people, and that love alone has been a deciding factor in this betrothal. We may hope, therefore, that long years of domestic happiness lie before the affianced pair.

The *Red Cross* reports that Lady Ampthill and the Hon. Mrs. Brougham were honoured by an invitation to luncheon at Chesterfield House recently, when Lady Ampthill handed to Her Royal Highness Princess Mary a cheque for £269, the balance of the money subscribed by V.A.D. members throughout the Empire, for Her Royal Highness' wedding present. With the cheque was presented a volume containing the names of over 50,000 subscribers, the book being bound in Royal blue calf tooled in gold and gilt edged. Princess Mary stated that she proposed to hand this cheque to the Matron of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, where she had worked as a V.A.D. member during the war. A letter was later received from the Lady-in-Waiting informing Lady Ampthill that the money had been expended in the purchase of various articles urgently required by the Hospital.

*Time and Tide*, undeniably the most original and brilliant of women's weekly papers, touches on Nursing questions from time to time. Last week we note it has a comment on the Election of the General Nursing Council, and evidently realises the importance not only to the Nursing Profession, but to the public of the record of the nurses elected. It concludes by stating, "Certainly such women as Miss Helen L. Pearse, Miss Heather-Bigg, R.R.C., and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick have already proved their value not only as nurses but as citizens, and if elected should make for the power and efficiency of the General Nursing Council." *Time and Tide* should be on the table of every Nurses' Library. "The Weekly Crowd," by Chimæra, is worth the whole price of the paper.

## MEDALS FOR NURSES.

The Chairman of the Metropolitan Asylums Board presented last Saturday the medals won by probationers at Queen Mary's Hospital for Children and in the Infectious Hospitals Service, as the result of the examination held in October last. The recipients were:—

Queen Mary's Hospital for Children.—Silver Medal, Kathleen Basebe; and Bronze Medal, Kathleen Lafone. Infectious Hospitals Service.—Gold Medal, Isabelle Hungerford; Silver Medal, Janet Robinson; and Bronze Medal, Winifred Buxton.

Congratulations to all the recipients.

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