

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

OUR ROYAL LADIES AND THE HOSPITALS

KING EDWARD VII HOSPITAL, WINDSOR.

The Ladies of the Royal House in this country, dating as far back, at least, as 1148, when Queen Matilda established St. Katharine's Royal Hospital on a site near the Tower of London, have taken a warm interest in the care of the sick. From that day to this the Queens of England have been the Patrons of St. Katharine's Hospital with which, for a time, the work of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute was associated. Queen Alexandra's deep interest in hospitals and nursing is well known, several of the Military Nursing Services bearing her name. The present Queen has judiciously respected that interest. Nevertheless, Her Majesty's sympathy with the sick and suffering is well known. During the war she was untiring in her visits to the hospitals in which sick and wounded soldiers were being treated. Queen Mary's Maternity Hospital at Hampstead testifies to her warm interest in the welfare of women in childbirth, and Queen Mary's Hospital for Children at Carshalton to her sympathy with sick children.

On April 5th, the Queen once again showed her interest in nurses and nursing, by laying the foundation stone of the new Nurses' Hostel at King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, which is to be erected conjointly as a War Memorial, and a memorial to Sir William Shipley, the late Chairman of the Hospital.

Her Majesty, who drove to the Hospital from the Castle in an open carriage preceded by an outrider, was received by the Chairman, Mr. Richard Bentley, on her arrival there, and walked to the site where Mr. J. Railton, Chairman of the Building Committee, explained that when funds permitted the new wing now to be equipped as a Nurses' Hostel, would be used as additional wards, and a Hostel built as a separate installation outside the hospital. It is proposed also to provide some twelve to fifteen beds for paying patients.

The Queen having laid the stone with a silver trowel, suitably inscribed, received purses towards the funds of the Hospital. The first was addressed, "To Her Majesty the Queen, from a poor woman," and another was presented, as shown in our illustration, by Driver Vince (R.F.A.), who had had his foot amputated as the result of war service, on behalf of the patients in King Edward VII Ward.

The Matron of the Hospital, Miss Penelope Morris, who had the honour of presentation to Her Majesty, offered for her acceptance a bouquet of pink carnations. The Nursing Staff were delighted that Her Majesty had honoured the hospital with a visit and laid the foundation of their new Hostel.

Before leaving the Hospital the Queen gave great pleasure by visiting all the wards and speaking to every patient, some eighty being at present under treatment. She expressed her deep interest in all she had seen. On leaving Her Majesty was heartily cheered by the crowd which had assembled outside the hospital.

THE INFANTS' HOSPITAL, VINCENT SQUARE, S.W.

THE BATTLE FOR INFANT LIFE.

Monday, April 14th, was a great day for the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, Westminster, when Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, the President, visited the institution to inaugurate the Infants' Hospital Pound Scheme—and received purses from children and young people in support of this fresh endeavour to obtain funds for the extension of its important National work.

Originally founded for the treatment of infants suffering from malnutrition, under a year old, the scope of the hospital's work is now altered to include children under five, suffering from various complaints, but the aim of the Committee has always been that it should not only treat disease, but act as a teaching institution, for the diffusion of knowledge—by means of lectures and special practical training in the care of infants—to a much larger circle than the nurses admitted for a period of two years' training



HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN receiving a purse from Ex-Driver Vince (R.F.A.) on behalf of the patients in King Edward VII Ward at the Hospital, Windsor.

and, from the first, the handsome lecture theatre, an almost unique provision for the special teaching of nurses in hospitals in this country, has played an important part in its work. Therefore the nursing service of the hospital has been thrown open to pupil probationers—preferably persons connected with Infant Welfare Service, for experience, and further training in modern methods of Infant Welfare management, and midwives, trained nurses without infant experience, pupil health visitors, social workers and others are eligible for courses of from three months to two years according to training and experience.

The opportunities of the hospital are therefore only limited by the funds at its disposal, and it was to inaugurate a fresh appeal in the form of a Pound Scheme that Princess Mary honoured it with her presence on April 14th.

The ceremony was held in a large marquee erected outside the front entrance of the hospital, where the Princess

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