

was received by the Committee of Management and conducted to the platform by the Chairman, J. Gomer Berry, Esq., where a tiny boy presented a bouquet of red and pink tulips. In various posts of vantage in the marquee were to be seen attractive collecting boxes representing a nurse in blue and white uniform with a baby in her arms, specially designed by a sculptor.

The Chairman, in welcoming Her Royal Highness, said that she had shown the same gracious consideration and sympathy as the nation had learnt to count on from the Royal Family in support of good causes. He went on to state that in 1922 the Infantile Mortality rate was 77 per thousand, and that of these deaths experts stated 47 were from preventible causes. The Infants' Hospital was out to combat this mortality, but it was hampered by debt, and at present four children were turned away for every one accepted. The Committee had every confidence in making this new appeal, which was one of economic necessity. They had as their Medical Director Dr. Eric Pritchard, and an able and sympathetic Matron (Miss Mildred Hughes), who was satisfied with the Nursing Staff.

In this Battle for Infant Life, which would be prosecuted with enthusiasm and determination, sooner or later they were going to win. Whether sooner or later depended on the financial support they received.

The Right Hon. John Wheatley, M.P., P.C., Minister of Health, said that he had come to express the sympathy of the Government, and especially of the Ministry of Health, with the Appeal. He expressed his interest in all forms of Child Welfare Work, especially on the preventive side, and with the duty of building up the motherhood of the country to be able to look after their children in the best possible way. The social policy should be to fit the mother to rear the child. It was a personal joy to him to be present on this occasion, and he would be pleased to do anything he could in his public capacity to support the work of the Hospital.

The next speaker was Miss Ishbel MacDonald, the daughter of the Prime Minister (who sent an apology for not being present) who supported the Appeal, in a delightful speech, excellent in diction, in a voice charming in tone and quality, arresting and persuasive. She emphasised not only the number of infants who died, but those who sur-

vived with impaired health. The best chance for such children was to receive treatment in infancy, but successful cure could not be carried out without money. Not only Westminster, but the whole country was affected by the work of the Infants' Hospital. "I pray you all," concluded Miss MacDonald, "to help the Hospital to carry on its great work."

Then came the pretty ceremony of the presentation of purses to the Princess, which the Chairman subsequently announced contained £280.

Dr. Eric Pritchard, who expressed the thanks of the Committee to the Princess for the honour she had done the hospital in accepting the Presidency, and by her presence that afternoon, said that if the knowledge accumulated as to nutrition could be disseminated, and if every woman took steps to follow the example of Her Royal Highness, it would not be necessary to extend the beds at that hospital. After referring to the cost of saving life, and the expense of laboratory work, and stating that the cost per week for each baby in the hospital was £5 ros., Dr. Pritchard said that he was sure Her Royal Highness would wish him to tender thanks to her not so much because she was a Princess as because she was a woman, and had set an example as to how women should prepare for the great duty of motherhood.

An adjournment was then made to the Hospital, where the Princess visited a ward and a wardlet, where are to be seen many little sufferers from malnutrition, both in the acute stage and convalescing after treatment, illustrations of two of whom, by the courtesy of Mr. A. F. Shepherd, Director of the Appeal, we are able to reproduce. Her Royal Highness, before leaving the hospital, took tea in the Lecture Hall, where a number of presentations were made.

We congratulate the Appeal Committee, as well as the Secretary of the hospital, Mr. A. J. Small, on the successful launching of the Appeal.



"Surely it's not time for my medicine again?"  
A little patient watches nurse anxiously.



"Soon coming home now, Mummy!" Baby's bright eyes show his improved condition and cheer the heart of the grateful mother.

The Duke and Duchess of York visited Guildford on April 30th to open a new wing at the Royal Surrey County Hospital. They had an enthusiastic welcome.

The Duke and Duchess of York will attend the Founder's Day celebrations at the Lord Mayor Treloar Cripples' Hospital and College, Alton, on Friday, May 30th.

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