

## THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

An appeal has been issued by the Committee of the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, E., for £50,000 in order to build a new Nurses' Home, and improve the casualty department of the institution. Speaking recently at the Dalston Congregational Church, in behalf of the appeal, Mr. Sydney N. Young, Chairman of the Appeal Fund, said that the present nurses' homes were a disgrace to the hospital, and, if they were not remedied by means of that appeal, they would be a standing disgrace to the subscribing public. They were in a bad state of disrepair, and were infested with rats, mice and other vermin. They had been patched and patched, until they could not patch any more. They must come down, and they must build proper and suitable quarters for the nurses.

Dr. James Thomson, at present at the Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, has been appointed honorary assistant physician to the Children's Department of Dundee Royal Infirmary.

A woman has anonymously offered £2,000 towards the St. John's Hospital, Lewisham, nurses' quarters, if a similar sum is subscribed before October 31st.

Foundation stones have been laid at Romford Institution in connection with the Guardians' scheme for providing additional accommodation for nurses, patients, and resident medical officer. The new buildings will cost nearly £100,000, or a rd. rate.

Speaking recently at Irthlingborough, Mr. W. G. Cove, M.P., said he supported the idea of the nationalisation of the hospitals. These to-day were crippled, as far as finance was concerned, on a voluntary basis. It was a national duty to take over the hospitals for the curing of ill-health in this country.

Sir William Milligan, Chairman of the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, when opening a fete at Heywood, in support of the Hospitals, Nurses, and Medical Charities Fund, alluding to the effort to put the hospitals under State control, declared that it would be a sorry day for England if that ever came about. The two things were not comparable at all. In the voluntary system they got that which he considered was so essential a part of the system—sympathy and kindness. If they nationalised hospitals, they knew what it meant when they got the State running institutions—cast-iron rules, the patients were No. 1 or No. 2, there was no sympathy, no flower missions, no mission of any sort, simply a bureaucratic Government in its most rigid form. They must save their hospitals from being nationalised.

Mr. W. H. Booth, who is resigning from the position of superintendent and secretary of the Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield, in order to take up the position of secretary of the Royal Hospital, has been presented with a gold inscribed watch by the Board of the Jessop Hospital.

It is reported that a hitherto unknown disease has appeared in Norway, in the Namdal Valley. The malady is highly contagious, and a doctor from the Namdal, who contracted it, on being removed to hospital, conveyed the contagion to one of the hospital surgeons and several nurses. The principal symptom is the subcutaneous extravasation of blood, declaring itself outwardly in the form of small blood-coloured spots on the skin.

## KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL.

### DOMESTIC ARTS AND PRELIMINARY NURSING SCHOOL.

The authorities of King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, S.E., which has, for many years, maintained an excellent Training School for Nurses, has recently developed the curriculum of training in accordance with the modern requirements and the provision of State registration. A Sister Tutor is immediately responsible, under the direction of the Sister Matron, for the organisation of the teaching and guidance of the studies of the probationers. In connection with the School, it has been decided to establish a Preliminary Training School. In making this departure an opportunity is also being provided for girls who have received their general education in secondary schools and colleges to obtain a course in elementary nursing and domestic arts.

### CURRICULUM.

It is proposed, therefore, to admit a certain number of pupils to a Domestic Arts and Elementary Nursing Course extending over a period of ten weeks (which commenced last month). The object will be to provide a course which may be regarded as a finishing term in practical subjects forming a supplement to the education which has already been given in a private or public school. The curriculum during the first seven weeks will include:—

1. Housewifery in its varying branches, which will be learnt by practical work in the house assigned to the pupils.
2. Cookery, including food values and the preparation of meals for a single individual in a sick room.
3. Elementary Anatomy and Physiology.
4. Hygiene, including Elementary Chemistry of common things.
5. Elementary and minor medicine and surgery.
6. Application of and making of bandages and preparation of surgical dressings.
7. Lectures and demonstrations on Elementary Nursing.

The pupils will be expected to undergo an examination in these subjects, and will receive a testimonial upon completing a satisfactory course of training. At the end of the seven weeks the pupils will be permitted to take some practical part in the work of the Hospital—for example, in the Kitchen under the direction of qualified cooks (holding the certificate of the National School of Cookery), in dealing with the stores of groceries under the Sister Housekeeper, or in the Out-patient and Casualty Department, &c.

### POSITION OF THE SCHOOL.

The School is established in a large house, with a fine old garden adjoining the Hospital, and the pupils will join in the general social life of the Nurses, so that the Tennis Courts and other games will be available for them. Close to the Hospital, which stands as a centre uniting all sections of the community in a common effort in the service of suffering humanity, are the United Girls' School Mission Settlement, Talbot House, and similar Institutions, where other girls are studying the social conditions in the heart of South London. Week-ends and off-duty hours will allow time for recreation, while the life of a Hospital in all its departments presents many and varied interests, in which the pupils of the School will be welcome to participate as members of the household.

### FEES AND DURATION OF COURSE.

The fee for the course of ten weeks, including full board and lodging, is 30 guineas. Each pupil will be required to provide herself with uniform, and will receive an allowance of 4s. per week for washing. She will have a separate cubicle, and will take her meals in the dining-room of the Nursing Staff of the Hospital. It is not proposed that under ordinary circumstances, a pupil will desire to stay for more than one course.

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