

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

As we go to press, Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, is opening the new Nurses' Home of the Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway, N.7, on Thursday, the 30th inst., at 3.30 p.m.

The Home is the first section of a larger building, and provides separate bedrooms for 58 Nurses, and administrative offices, sitting-rooms, &c., for the complete building, which will eventually accommodate nearly 120 nurses.

The building has been provided from money given for this specific purpose, and has been recognised by King Edward's Hospital Fund for London as the most urgent need of the Royal Northern Hospital.

The cost, including site, is £33,900, of which £5,900 still has to be specially collected.

The Lord Mayor, President of the Metropolitan Hospital, in the Kingsland Road, E.8, is appealing for funds to build new quarters for the nurses, for which the hospital possesses the necessary land.

The hospital is very efficiently equipped in every respect, but the one important thing it lacks is a proper living accommodation for its nurses, who are, at present, inhabiting old and scattered houses in a state of dilapidation. Indeed, all these houses must be pulled down, and even if they were rebuilt, the nurses would not be all accommodated together, which is essential for the efficient and economic working of a hospital.

It has, therefore, been decided to build an entirely new Nurses' Home, the approximate cost of which will be £50,000.

Donations may be sent to the Hon. Treasurers of the Hospital (Lord Hillingdon and Mr. Lionel de Rothschild) either at Messrs. Glyn, Mills & Co., 67, Lombard Street, E.C.3, or Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Sons, New Court, St. Swithin's Lane, E.C.4.

The next meetings of the Royal Commission on Lunacy and Mental Disorder will be held at 5, Old Palace Yard, Westminster, on November 4th and 5th, beginning at 10.30 a.m. each day.

The £50,000 for which an appeal is being made by the London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women, is required for the purpose of endowing Chairs in Anatomy, Physiology, and Pathology.

The Fifth Annual Report of the Joint Council of the Order of St. John and the British Red Cross Society on the Voluntary Hospitals during 1923 has been issued. The fact emerges that, taken as a whole, these hospitals had a surplus of ordinary income over ordinary expenditure of no less than £213,694. Thus the total receipts were £7,689,072 and the total outgoings £6,381,115—truly a vast and most encouraging balance-sheet. A system which can provide an annual income for hospitals (excluding the London hospitals) of over £7,000,000 is surely deserving of public confidence. It should further be noted that only £637,824, or 8.29 per cent. of the total, was derived from the Public Services or from the Voluntary Hospitals Commission. It is quite evident that the Voluntary System of hospital support was never more popular with the public of all classes.

A report on cancer of the breast by Dr. Janet Lane-Clayton, which has been issued by the Ministry of Health, analyses the results of operation in about 20,000 cases.

The Board of Management of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, have decided to exclude women medical students

from the hospital. It is understood that representation have been made to the board by men students, who object to the association of men and women in medical study, and allege that the prospect of such association discourages many men from coming to St. Mary's for their training. This appears a very narrow point of view, as co-education is as beneficial to men as to women. The leading medical women have issued a well-reasoned protest.

Enormous sums of money have been bequeathed by various persons for charity during the past month. By the will of Mr. James Fieldsend of Sheffield, the six following charities will ultimately receive £30,000 each: The Sheffield Royal Hospital, the Sheffield Royal Infirmary, the Jessop Hospital for Women, the Blind Institution, West Street, the Boys' Charity School, and the Girls' Charity School, Sheffield.

STATE REGISTERED NURSES' UNIFORM.

MESSRS. BOYD COOPER.

We are informed by Messrs. Boyd Cooper, 4, George Street, Hanover Square, London, W. 1, that they have a considerable number of customers in Manchester and the North of England, and up to the present have sent a representative to take orders. During the past two months they have been urgently requested by Registered Nurses to make arrangements for them to be measured and fitted for uniform in Manchester. They have therefore arranged for Mr. R. L. Foley to be in attendance at Houldsworth Hall, 90, Deansgate, Manchester, from November 20th to 25th inclusive. Hours are 10 a.m. till 6.30 p.m. Models of the uniforms will be on view. This is an opportunity which should not be missed.

THE HOUSE OF CHARLES.

Mr. Charles, of 42, Upper George Street, Bryanston Square, W. 1, who is authorised to make the uniform of State Registered Nurses, is very particular as to workmanship and cut, and all his costumes are made by hand. Recently a Sister who was one of the guests at the marriage of Miss Alexandra Ralli with Lieut. Neil Stewart-Richardson, D.S.O., at St. Margaret's, Westminster, elected to wear the State uniform, and her smart coat frock, which as made by Mr. Charles admirably became her, occasioned considerable notice and admiration.

MESSRS. BROOKS & Co.

Messrs. Brooks & Co., of 143, Borough High Street, London Bridge, S.E., who have been established for over 100 years, have made a considerable study of the needs of trained nurses, and are now authorised to supply the State Registered Nurses' Uniform. The establishment is very accessible for nurses in the city and its vicinity, and we are sure that if they call there they will receive every courtesy.

A COMPLETE SYSTEM OF NURSING.

Many nurses in training, in view of the State Examination before them are considering the acquisition of a professional library, but are in some doubt what to select. The Waverley Book Company come to their aid by sending on approval for four days free examination, with no obligation to purchase, "A Complete System of Nursing," by Millicent Ashdown. All particulars of this offer will be found on our advertisement page v. The address is 96, Farringdon Street, E.C. 4.

Be true to the best of yourself, fearing and desiring nothing, but living up to your nature—then you will be happy.—*Marcus Aurelius.*

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