

## COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO MAJOR R. W. BARNETT, M.P.

The complimentary dinner to Major R. W. Barnett, M.P., in the St. James's Room at the Hotel Metropole, London, on February 5th, arranged by Registered Nurses, promises to be a very successful, as well as a pleasant, function.

Applications for tickets were invited by January 22nd, and before that date all the 50 places originally arranged for had been secured, so that arrangements have had to be made for a larger number.

As we stated in our last issue, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, S.R.N., who drafted the first Nurses' Registration Bill introduced into Parliament in this country, in 1904, will preside, and, in the name of registered colleagues, will present to Major Barnett a copy of the Register of Nurses for England and Wales, suitably inscribed. The speakers will include Mr. Herbert J. Paterson, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., M.C. Cantab., Hon. Treasurer Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, Hon. Medical Secretary Royal British Nurses' Association, Miss Helen L. Pearse, S.R.N., President of the London County Council School Nurses' Social Union, Miss A. M. Bushby, S.R.N., R.S.C.N., Member of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, Miss A. Stewart Bryson, S.R.N., R.F.N., late President Fever Nurses' Association, Miss M. Stuart Donaldson, S.R.N., President of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary Nurses' League, and it is hoped Miss Margaret Huxley, R.G.N., President of the Irish Matrons' Association, all good friends and true of the State Registration Cause, whose gratitude to Major Barnett for his services to the nursing profession in the House of Commons, may be measured by the many years of devoted service they have given to the Cause.

A few tickets for the dinner are still available should any registrationists wish to secure them. Application should be made immediately to Miss M. Breay, Hon. Secretary Register Dinner.

## HER HERITAGE.

Miss M. A. Shively, writing in *The Canadian Nurse* on "Her Heritage," says:—"By 'heritage' we understand something of which we have become possessed, for which we have not laboured; something on which those who have preceded us have expended time, and energy, and thought, or for which they have toiled, or endured, or sacrificed. . . . Because they were true to the light which was theirs, the nurse of to-day is able to do her work amid conditions of greater comfort and advantage; she has 'entered into their labours.' She receives her training in hospitals and schools provided with everything which science and invention can suggest, and is surrounded with everything which conduces to comfort and convenience, as well as to social and educational uplift. And not only so, but when she bids adieu to the comfortable home and congenial companions which have been hers for so long (if among the number of those who have made the most of their opportunities) she becomes aware of the fact that she is possessed of a training so varied, and an equipment so complete, that she is in a position to specialise, should she so determine. Opportunities for service in many directions await her choice—private, public, social, administrative, educational or

literary. Then, too, she may find in any or all of the now existing fraternal organisations exercise for her latent talents. Her own *Alumnæ* extends to her a welcoming hand, as do also the Provincial, National and International Associations of Nurses. All of these, and much more, the nurse of to-day inherits. What will she do with her patrimony? What *is* she doing with it? It is a talent entrusted to her, to be used not only for herself but for others who will follow her. Will she multiply it—ten, twenty, an hundredfold? 'Life is not a diamond, but a seed with possibilities of endless growth.'"

## HOSPITAL WORLD.

Princess Mary, on February 11th, will open the new wing of the West London Hospital, Hammersmith. This addition includes an accident ward of sixteen beds, cancer wards for men and women, each containing seven beds, private rooms to contain twenty-six beds, for paying patients, and two operating theatres.

Her Royal Highness will also open the King Edward Memorial Extension of the General Infirmary at Pontefract on Thursday, February 26th, which has been erected at a cost of £12,000.

A sum of £55,643 was raised as the result of the Lord Mayor's recent dinner at the Mansion House in aid of St. Thomas's Hospital.

A new department has been added to the Radium Institute for the treatment of poor in-patients.

On Friday, January 30th, the Dowager Countess of Limerick, held a reception at 40, Queen's Gate Gardens, in aid of the Princess Louise Kensington Hospital for Children, when the speakers were the Mayor of Kensington, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, and Dr. James Fenton.

Two new emergency and observation wards in which rubber floors are now being laid, are shortly to be opened at the Prince of Wales General Hospital, Tottenham. This addition to the accommodation of one of the busiest London hospitals will be most welcome in the great industrial area which it serves.

Mr. W. G. Player, vice-chairman of the Nottingham General Hospital, a member of one of the principal firms in the Imperial Tobacco combine, has promised to subscribe £50,000 towards the capital fund required for the extension of the hospital.

In response to an appeal by the committee of the Wantage Cottage Hospital for £10,000 for erecting a new and up-to-date hospital, Mr. A. Thomas Loyd, president of the hospital and ex-M.P. for the division, has given £2,000 to the fund. The gift was conditional on the raising of a further £4,000 by December 31st, and it is satisfactory to learn that £5,786 was raised by that date.

Among the bequests of the late Mr. D. A. Dunlop, of Toronto, is one of £10,000 to the Toronto General Hospital, and another of £20,000 to the University of Toronto for medical resources.

The University of Toronto has awarded the Charles Mickle fellowship to Sir James Mackenzie, consulting physician to the King in Scotland, whose death occurred on January 26th. The award of a value of £300 is made annually to the person considered to have given the most valuable services for ten years to the cause of practical medical science.

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