

## THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Prince of Wales will visit University College Hospital on May 28th, to open the Obstetric Hospital and the Nurses' Home presented by the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Royal Ear Hospital, presented by Mr. Geoffrey Duveen.

Charing Cross Hospital, a very popular institution, has completed an agreement for the purchase of the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital site and buildings, though possession will not be obtained until the latter hospital has been removed to new buildings which are to be erected probably in about two years' time.

The Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital is removing because of the need for expansion, and this removal has given the Charing Cross Hospital the chance of extension which it needs. It has built upwards as far as it has been allowed, and now that by this acquisition it is to enter into possession of the whole "island" site bounded by Chandos Street, King William Street, and Agar Street, plans are being drawn up for the extension of its work in various directions. It is not proposed to rebuild, but the existing building will be altered and re-equipped, the cost of the purchase and alterations being estimated at about £100,000. It is proposed to utilise the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital building for heart cases, and for ear, nose, and throat patients. Part of the building will be equipped as a gymnasium for poor children.

Mr. John William Hunter of Burton-on-Trent, who left estate of the gross value of £8,624 with net personalty £7,270, subject to two life interests bequeathed his property to Guy's Hospital, London, stating: "I desire to acknowledge my appreciation of the skill of the surgeons and the kindness of the nurses and staff generally, which I received at the time an operation was performed on me at the said hospital when I was a boy of about 13 years of age."

The Duchess of York has given her name to a maternity centre recently opened by the Royal Free Hospital at 434, Essex Road, Islington. For the benefit of this centre the Scottish Women's Hospitals' Association, of which the Duchess of York is President, is giving a children's garden party on Thursday, June 3rd, at St. Dunstan's, Regent's Park. Particulars can be obtained from Lady Ossulston, S.W.H.A., 24, Mecklenburgh Square, W.C.

The impending purchase of Tadworth Court as a convalescent home for Sick Children is announced.

## OUTSIDE THE GATES.

## Third in Succession to the Throne.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York gave birth to a daughter on April 21st, and the whole nation will rejoice with the proud parents of this very important little Princess of Great Britain and Ireland. The King and Queen are naturally delighted with their first granddaughter, who, ranking after the Prince of Wales and her own father, is third in the succession to the Crown.

By the courtesy of the Editor of the *Gentlewoman and Modern Life* we are able to publish this charming portrait of the Duchess.



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THE SMILING DUCHESS,  
H.R.H. The Duchess of York.

Through the Italian Ambassador a lovely shawl of pure silk, manufactured at Como, has been presented to our Queen. An artistic parchment accompanied the gift with the following dedication:—

"To her Gracious Majesty, the Queen of England, Carlo Piatti humbly offers this shawl of Italian Silk, embroidered by Italian women, so that it may protect her from cold and sorrow and evil, and soft and bright adorn her for many years to come—April, MCMXXXVI."

The Italian painter, Signor Marcello Nizzoli, designed this work of art which no doubt appeals to Queen Mary's well-known artistic taste.

We are pleased to welcome another woman Member of Parliament as the result of the by-election in East Ham, North, necessitated by the death of Mr. C. W. Cook. Miss Susan Lawrence was elected by a Labour majority of 1,627 over the Conservative candidate.

Strong objection is being taken by representatives of women teachers to the anti-equality resolutions adopted by the National Association of Schoolmasters.

The Congress of the International Alliance to be held in the Sorbonne at Paris, from 30th May to June 6th, will be representative of women of every class, creed and race from 40 Countries. We believe Mlle. Chaptal, the President of the French Nurses' Association, will represent the International Council of Nurses. The Secretary-General of the League of Nations has promised to send an official representative.

The meeting for World Peace promises to be so popular that the Trocadéro has been taken for the purpose. Besides the speeches there will be a choir, and artistes from the celebrated Odéon will present an allegorical play.

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