

## THE PRINCE OF WALES AT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL.

On Friday, May 28th, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales visited University College Hospital, Gower Street, W.C., to complete the work inaugurated by the King and Queen on May 31st, 1923, when the King laid the Foundation Stone of the new Obstetric Hospital, and the Queen that of the new Nurses' Home.

The King, in the course of a speech acknowledging this great benefaction, the gift of the Rockefeller Foundation, said:—

"We are all conscious of the significance of the occasion. This is no ordinary extension of a hospital or a College. The vast scale of the new development which we are inaugurating would be enough in itself to render it remarkable. There can be but few instances on record in which any Foundation has received, like this College and Medical School, £1,200,000 from a single benefactor in a single gift. And the magnificent generosity of the Rockefeller Trustees is the more impressive since it is bestowed by a citizen of the United States of America upon a College and hospital in London, and thus upon the people of Great Britain and the Empire."

In addition, the Prince unveiled a memorial at the new Royal Ear Hospital, built by the generosity of Lieut. Commander Geoffrey Duveen. These buildings represent extensions of University College Hospital, and are intimately connected with the comprehensive scheme for the improvement of medical education throughout the British Empire.

The ceremony on May 28th, took place in the grounds of University College by permission of the authorities, and while the guests were assembling the Band of the Grenadier Guards played a selection of music. The dais was beautifully decorated with hangings of Royal blue and gold, in the centre a group of flags bound together with a device of the Prince of Wales' Feathers, and geraniums, hydrangeas, marguerites and other flowers, outlining the platform made a beautiful note of colour. Below appeared the memorial stone recording:—

THIS INSCRIPTION IS PLACED HERE TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGE AND OF THE MEDICAL SCHOOL WHO DIED IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY DURING THE YEARS 1914—1919.

At 3.30 p.m. the Prince arrived at the main entrance

of University College Hospital where a Guard of Honour was mounted furnished by the Medical Unit of the University of London Officers' Training Corps. He was received by Sir Ernest Hatch, Bart., K.B.E., Treasurer of University College Hospital, the Members of the Reception Committee, and Miss R. E. Darbyshire, R.R.C., Matron of the Hospital, all of whom were presented to His Royal Highness.

The arrival of His Royal Highness in the grounds of University College was heralded not only by the strains of the National Anthem and the American National Anthem, but by cheer upon cheer from outside. In the group of

distinguished persons who accompanied him, and escorted him to the platform, the handsome robes worn by members of London and other Universities helped to make a beautiful and dignified setting for the scene, and the close affiliation of the Medical School to the University of London, inspired the hope in our mind that at a not too distant date the Nursing School would stand in a similar relation to it, and the Matron, as its head, would wear Academic Robes, when taking her rightfully prominent part as its head.

### THE ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

On the arrival at the dais, Professor E. A. Gardner, Litt. D., Vice-Chancellor of the University of London, and Members of the Hospital Committee having been presented, Sir Ernest Hatch, Chairman and Treasurer of the Hospital, offered to His Royal Highness a most loyal welcome.

Referring to the unprecedented Gift made by the Rockefeller Foundation the speaker said it was qualified by no conditions. It was, however, left to our country to endow the sixty beds in the Obstetric Hospital, which involved the collection of £180,000. To raise the sum required, an Appeal Committee was formed, consisting, with the excep-

tion of Lord Burnham, the Hon. Treasurer, and of himself as officially representing the hospital, entirely of ladies. The efforts of this Committee, of which Her Highness Princess Marie Louise, was President, had been crowned with complete success.

### THE PRINCE'S REPLY.

The Prince, in reply to the Address of Welcome said: "In the presence of the American Ambassador's representative, I am in duty bound, as a patron of the hospital, to refer to the munificent gift of the Rockefeller Foundation. The hospital is, I think, entitled to congratulate itself on having been entrusted with the disposal of this vast sum,



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