

and his Excellency's representative will, I feel sure, from what he sees to-day, be in a position to assure his countrymen that the money has been well spent. As a proof of our appreciation of the trust imposed on us by the Rockefeller Foundation, I need only quote the ready generosity with which the obligation on our part to endow the beds in the new Maternity Hospital has been met.

"The £180,000 required for this purpose has been raised by subscription throughout the British Empire. From the details in your possession you are aware that each of the Dominions, the English Counties, Scotland, Wales and the main commercial interests and industries in the country have done their share, and for this happy result our grateful thanks are due to the ladies of the Appeal Committee under the Chairmanship of the Princess Marie Louise, and to the Chairman of University College Hospital, Sir Ernest Hatch. Any reference to his own work in this connection Sir Ernest, in reading the address, was naturally forced to omit, but all who have the interests of the hospital and the wider cause of the alleviation of disease at heart, owe him a great debt for the untiring efforts he has made to ensure the success of the appeal. I trust that the members of the Appeal Committee, in view of what they have achieved, will not disband themselves, but will continue to watch over the interest and welfare of their respective beds. In one last word, I would like to refer to the generosity of Mr. Geoffrey Duveen in erecting in memory of his parents, the New Ear and Throat Hospital, which I am to visit later in the afternoon."

His Royal Highness concluded by announcing a donation of £10,000 from a friend of the hospital present that afternoon, to the General Maintenance Fund, and expressed the hope that others will follow this generous lead. (The name of the donor, Mr. Harold Wernher, has since been made public.)

THE WORK OF THE APPEAL COMMITTEE.

Lord Burnham who said that the best foundation in the world was money, for you could not erect an institution on air, said that each bed in the Obstetric Hospital would cost £150 a year to maintain. That meant a capital sum of £3,000 or £180,000 for the 60 beds. Wonderful to relate this had been collected owing to the unsparing and devoted labours of Sir Ernest Hatch, and Her Highness Princess Marie Louise and the Ladies' Committee. The cost of collection had only been 2 per cent., and even that had been met by the interest earned on early contributions.

Concluding Lord Burnham referred to the Gift of Mr. Henry Duveen of the Royal Ear Hospital, and suggested that there might be many who wished to follow his example for, he said, "Money Speaks."

OPENING OF THE OBSTETRIC HOSPITAL.

At the request of Sir George Blacker, C.B.E., F.R.C.P., Dean of the Medical School, and Senior Obstetric Physician the Prince declared the New Obstetric Hospital open, the announcement being followed by a fanfare of trumpets.

OPENING OF THE NURSES' HOME.

At the request of Her Highness, Princess Marie Louise, His Royal Highness next declared open the new Nurses' Home, and a fanfare of trumpets was again sounded.

UNVEILING OF TABLET IN ROYAL EAR HOSPITAL.

In reply to a request from Lieut.-Commander Geoffrey Duveen that his Royal Highness would announce that a Tablet would be unveiled in the Entrance Hall of the New Royal Ear Hospital dedicating the building to the memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Duveen, the Prince announced that he would be very happy to unveil the tablet in the New Royal Ear Hospital.

The Prince then graciously accepted a silver paper tray, which he had previously personally selected as a memento of the occasion, for use on his private writing desk. After which Her Highness, Princess Marie Louise, in a clearly enunciated speech, spoken in a charmingly modulated voice, presented the "Bed Presidents" of the new Obstetric Hospital, of whom those who had recently endowed beds handed Scrolls of Endowment to His Royal Highness.

After tea, served in a special Pavilion, the Prince accompanied by the Treasurer and members of the Reception Committee proceeded on a visit of inspection to the New Obstetric Hospital, the Nurses' Home, and the Royal Ear Hospital.

At the Obstetric Hospital, Sir George Blacker presented to His Royal Highness members of the Medical Staff, and Miss Darbyshire members of its Nursing Staff. The Prince gave great gratification by naming a ward Prince of Wales Ward, and presenting on behalf of the Queen a cot for each ward. These cots were the daintiest imaginable with white muslin frills trimmed with lace, and decorated with bows of soft blue ribbon.

In the Prince of Wales' Ward, moreover, he left probably the proudest and happiest woman in the Metropolis, Mrs. Cann, of Robert Street, Hampstead Road, the mother of the first baby born in ward, to whom he presented the Badge of the three gilded feathers presented to him on his arrival at the hospital. He then asked to see the baby which was in the Queen's cot, and went back to tell the mother what a lovely baby he was, and to ask his age and his name. To the baby he also gave his feathers, and when told that his name was George Edward, he exclaimed, "Splendid, now could you beat that?"

Mrs. Cann hopes to preserve the feathers very carefully and to give them to her boy when he comes of age, or on his wedding day.

The Obstetric wards must be a very haven of rest for the mothers who enjoy the benefit of the skilled care there provided. The wards and ceilings are painted cream colour, with a deep green dado. Each contains ten beds, and cots to correspond, and we noticed, with pleasure, that the fashion, so often adopted, of slinging the cot at the foot of the mother's bed out of reach, has not been followed, nor is it fastened to the side, but is a separate unit. The "dispensary table" on which are kept thermometers (in lotion), swabs in jars, and the sundry things in connection with treatment in ordinary use in a ward of this kind has a smooth white enamel top. In the lobby leading to the ward are the kitchen, linen room, bath rooms for adults and babies, &c., and a finely equipped labour room provides for the scientific treatment of the patients, and the teaching of medical students. This is in the hands of a senior member of the medical staff who is resident in the Hospital, and undertakes complicated cases of labour. The new Maternity Hospital thus completes the three teaching units in University College Hospital Medical School, namely, medical, surgical, and obstetric medicine.

THE NEW NURSES' HOME.

The enlargement of the University College Hospital has inevitably necessitated the provision of accommodation for a larger number of nurses.

In the new Home accommodation is provided for a staff numbering some 250. The Prince was received at the Home by Her Highness Princess Marie Louise, Chairman of the Nursing Committee, and members of the Nursing Staff had the honour of being presented by the Matron.

We had the good fortune to meet with Miss Symonds, an Assistant House-keeping Sister, who conducted us round and explained all the special points of interest with enthusiasm and expert knowledge.

A feature of the Home is that the Class Room, the Sisters

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