

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Prince of Wales, President of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, founded by King Edward VII in 1898, will preside at a Dinner to be held at the Mansion House on July 16th, and will appeal for a sum of £100,000.

Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, motored to Croydon on Tuesday, June 1st, and opened the new clinic and sick nursery erected in Lodge Road by the Croydon Council. She was received by the Mayor and Mayoress.

The patrons of the "Fleet Street Week" for St. Bartholomew's Hospital (October 10th to 16th) will include the Lord Mayor, Lord Burnham, Lord Astor, Lord Leverhulme, Lord Marshall, Major Astor, M.P., Mr. C. A. McCurdy, Mr. H. T. Cadbury, Sir Neville Pearson, Sir Charles Starmer, Sir Edward Iliffe, M.P., Sir William Berry, and Sir Alfred Robbins. Lord Rothermere will be the Treasurer of "the Week."

At a cost of £126,000, a large home for nurses is to be built in the grounds of Lewisham Hospital.

Not all omnibuses were prepared to accept maltreatment without some resistance during the General Strike. One carried this warning:—

"The driver of this 'bus is a Guy's Hospital student. The conductor is a Guy's Hospital student. The policeman is a Guy's Hospital student. Anyone who throws a brick will soon be a Guy's Hospital patient."

How the General Strike affected the work at the London Hospital was told by Lord Knutsford at the Quarterly Court of the Governors last Wednesday:—

On the first morning of the strike the electric current was cut off from the hospital. The days were very dark, with the result that, whereas, as a rule, they conducted about fifty serious operations every day, they were unable to carry out any at all. They could not get the operating theatres lighted, and they could not bring the patients up to the theatres.

The Finsen light department for lupus had to be closed. To this people came from all parts of London, and they had to remain in lodgings. The treatment of rheumatism, neuritis, and other maladies by radiant heat baths and other forms of electrical treatment was stopped, as was all treatment of cancer, and other diseases, by Röntgen rays. The examination of eye cases could not be carried out, and, similarly, the examination of the ear, throat, and nose cases had to be discontinued. Operations for cancer and other diseases by cauterisation could not be performed.

All electric lifts were stopped, causing untold inconvenience. All the electric sterilisers in wards and out-patient departments were out of use. A good deal of the work of the research laboratories was stopped owing to the dependence on electric motors and light. The workshops attached to the operating theatres, where instruments are mended and sharpened, were also put out of use, while the machinery for grinding drugs for medicines and for making pills and tablets was stopped. The electric drying apparatus in the laundry could not be worked.

Lord Knutsford wondered whether the men who were responsible for the strike and the cutting off of the electricity supply were even remotely aware of the cruelty they were inflicting upon their own people?

TRUE TALES WITH A MORAL.

During Strike.

How *not* to get a lift.

Nurse addressing chauffeur of magnificent "Daimler."

Nurse: "Are you a taxi?"

Chauffeur: "No, I am a flying machine."

Chauffeur picks up working girl and whirls her off, leaving Nurse on pavement.

WORK AND PLAY AT BOURNVILLE.

Foremost in the ranks of employers who for many years past have considered the welfare and happiness of their employees are Messrs. Cadbury Bros. of Bournville, Birmingham, and in the Bournville "Annual" for 1926, recently published, entitled "Work and Play," some of the methods by which modern conditions are met in the organisation of large scale industry are most attractively presented, such as the economic handling of raw materials and finished goods, and the ensuring of healthy and efficient working conditions.

A considerable portion of the booklet is devoted to the organisation of "play" which is held by the firm to be as important as the organisation of "work," and in relation to this aspect of industry the facilities which have been provided at Bournville to meet the expressed needs of a large community which centres in a factory are described. Many fine illustrations add to the interest of the text.

Athletic Clubs, Music, the Drama, Dancing, Photography, a Radio-Society, Chess, Motor, Cycling, and Yachting Clubs, all have their adherents amongst the employee. Utility hobbies are represented by an Allotment Association, which controls 290 allotments, and runs annually a spring flower and bulb show. There is also a Feather and Fur Society for the purpose of breeding utility fowl and rabbits, and these by no means exhaust the varied interests of the employees.

Bournville is an object lesson in the beauty and interest of industrial life when removed from the congested areas in great cities to the spaciousness of the surrounding country.

COMING EVENTS.

June 11th.—Guild of St. Barnabas for Nurses. Jubilee Celebrations. Anniversary Meeting. Holborn Hall. 8 p.m.

June 16th.—East End Mothers' Lying-in Home. Annual Meeting. 384, Commercial Road, London, E.1. 4.30 p.m.

June 18th.—Meeting General Nursing Council for England and Wales. 20, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

June 19th.—General Infirmary, Leeds' Nurses' League. Reunion. Nurses' Home, General Infirmary, Leeds. 3 p.m.

June 26th.—Association of Hospital Matrons. Annual Meeting. St. Thomas' Hospital, S.E.

July 3rd.—General Meeting, League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, at the Hospital, E.C. 3 p.m. American Sale in the Great Hall. 4.15 p.m.

ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

June 7th.—Dramatic Entertainment. "Enter Mrs. Borridge." 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7. 8 p.m.

June 24th.—Annual General Meeting. Her Royal Highness Princess Arthur of Connaught, S.R.N., President, presiding. 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7. 3 p.m.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

July 15th-16th.—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Bazaar in support of finances of the International Council of Nurses, and the Emergency Fund of the National Council of Nurses. Conference Hall, Central Hall, Westminster. 11.30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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