

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Queen has shown her keen interest in the welfare of the sick, and in nursing during the past month. Her Majesty paid a visit to Queen Mary's Maternity Hospital at Hampstead on March 6th, and approved the excellent arrangements, making many mothers happy by admiring their babies. On March 12th, the Queen visited the South Eastern Hospital for Children at Sydenham, for the purpose of opening the newly erected Nurses' home. After the formal ceremony she made a close inspection of the hospital, every department on every floor being visited, and all of which she found in beautiful order, thanks to the Matron and other officers. The children were highly delighted with the Queen's smiling kindness, especially little Peggy Brown, by whose bedside the Queen was photographed. Her Majesty had a great reception and on driving away was cheered by thousands of women and children.

The Prince of Wales has accepted an invitation to take part in the centenary celebrations of the West Herts Hospital at Hemel Hempstead in July.

The Princess Royal has accepted the presidency of the Queen Alexandra League to support the Lord Mayor Treloar Cripples Hospital and College, in succession to Queen Alexandra, its founder.

Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught have given their patronage to a dance to be held on May 14th at the Hyde Park Hotel in support of the University College London Centenary Appeal Fund.

Guy's Hospital students have always had the reputation of being lively sparks, and to see and hear them making a tour of London's streets in aid of the hospital, provided much laughter. Their total takings were £199 13s. 4d.

Mr. Samuel Augustine Courtauld has given £30,000 to the Middlesex Hospital for the erection of an important research and training department in connection with the Medical School. This is to be known as "The Courtauld Institute of Bio-Chemistry." Plans provide for a new seven-story building to be erected on a site adjacent to the Middlesex Hospital and its Medical School premises. The Courtauld Institute will be a complete department of medical chemistry. As such it will make possible a very important development of the research and educational work of the Middlesex Hospital.

Mr. S. A. Courtauld on Wednesday opened the new Out-patients' and Private Ward Block of the Essex County Hospital, Colchester. The new additions cost £27,000.

Mrs. Henry Allhusen has given £4,000 to the New Health Society to establish a national home of health as their headquarters.

The gift is made as a memorial to Mrs. Allhusen's husband and her two children, "in the hope that the work of the society will preserve the lives of others equally dear to their relatives and friends."

The Mayor of Southend has received £32,000 towards the erection of the town's new hospital, the cost of which when completed, will be £100,000.

A CHILDREN'S BAZAAR FOR CHILDREN.

"A children's bazaar for children" strikes us as an excellent idea. Two little boys we know are helping in such an enterprise in aid of the Fleming Memorial Children's Hospital, at Newcastle, and we have no doubt the result will be a great success. Who could refuse the appeals of happy children for their little compatriots in pain and sickness—especially of those who themselves have suffered and recovered from the numerous ailments to which children fall victims in these days? With all the discoveries of science, one often wonders why there are now so few of the tough little codgers we knew in our youth, who took the wildest risks and appeared none the worse. And this amongst all classes. So much a matter of course appears the growth of adenoids, that a mother recently remarked to us "Jack has had his adenoids removed" as if these growths were an integral part of his anatomy instead of an excrescence. The attitude of many mothers in the past that children should be kept ignorant of the cause and effect of disease, as calculated to make them morbid and unhappy is passing away, and we find the rising generation facing sickness and pain with a courage and patience the more remarkable as it is not based on ignorance. When the "tough little codgers" of our youth had a boil or the toothache there was a fine hullabaloo.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL.

The New Nurses' Home.

The Nursing Staff of University College Hospital are fortunate indeed in their new Nurses' Home in Huntley Street, W.C., close to the hospital. Not only is the accommodation planned on liberal lines but it is more like a well appointed Club than an institution.

A suite of rooms on the ground floor consists of the Sisters' sitting-room, the Nurses' sitting-room, a class room, and a study, where the precious boon of silence is obtainable. All these rooms are panelled in dark oak some three-quarters of the way up, the colouring of the walls being in a shade of apricot throughout the building. Folding doors between the rooms enable them to open into one another on special occasions.

The note of the sitting-rooms is restfulness; the comfortable chairs and couches, lovely chintzes, and long curtains of a beautiful shade of blue all contributing to this effect.

The dining-rooms are equally charming. Sisters and Nurses have separate dining-rooms. Table cloths are abolished, but pretty coloured mats for each person replace them. Immediately adjoining the Nurses' dining-room is the Servery to which there is access by a hatch. A hot table stands close to this from which meals are served so that there is no chance of tepid food for U.C.H. Nurses. Noticeable is the "tea boiler" the water in which refuses to be poured out unless it is really boiling, and a great coffee pot indicates that this delectable beverage can be prepared by the best possible methods. All the china used is of blue and white willow pattern, and chances of breakage are minimised by the "Dreadnought," an automatic washing-up machine. The bed-sitting-rooms of the Sisters, and the bedrooms of the Nurses are furnished on the same liberal scale as the general rooms.

We noticed not only arrangements for shampooing the hair, but learnt that the services of a hair dresser can also be obtained.

The Nurses also have a model laundry.

The arrangements for lectures for the nurses are admirable, and Sister Dale, the Sister Tutor, is happy in having a well-stocked cupboard, and beautiful models, the latter bought with £150 given to the Matron, Miss R. Darbyshire, for the purpose.

A Preliminary School has just been started, and it is proposed to take in 12 probationers every eight weeks.

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