

## THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

When the King and Queen visited King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, recently, His Majesty conferred upon the new wing the name of the "King George" Wing. A guard of honour was formed by sisters and nurses, and accompanied by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Members of the Staff, the Matron, Miss Morris—from whom the Queen accepted a bouquet presented by the Nursing Staff—and the Secretary, Colonel Churcher, their Majesties made a tour of inspection of the new building.

The King and Queen will open the extension of Croydon General Hospital on Saturday, June 25th. The cost of the scheme is £60,000, of which about £30,000 has yet to be raised.

Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, recently visited Nottingham and opened the new out-patient department, and the throat, ear and nose department. These have cost £100,000, of which £50,000 has been contributed by the Chairman of the Board of Management, Mr. William Player.

Her Royal Highness also opened a new wing of the Children's Hospital of which the whole cost (upwards of £50,000) has been contributed by Mr. John Player.

A personal appeal to the business firms in the City for St. Bartholomew's Hospital is to be launched at once, for the purpose of raising £200,000 to bring the structural arrangements of the wards, and the theatre facilities up to date. It is proposed to erect a surgical block of five floors upon part of the site of Christ's Hospital, and to enlarge Queen Mary's Home for Nurses.

Mr. Chamberlain, the Minister of Health, opened the new laboratories of the Metropolitan Asylums Board at the Park Hospital, Hither Green, on Monday, May 9th, at 3.15 p.m.

The Chairman of Charing Cross Hospital presented a very satisfactory report at the annual meeting of the Board of Governors. Firstly, the hospital could show a healthy balance sheet, then the purchase of the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, meant the whole of the island site on which the two hospitals stood has been secured. Then, through the generosity of certain well-wishers, they had been enabled to put their Institute of Pathology on a proper financial basis, and this had given them the opportunity of creating a service which would be of the greatest value to the public. In cases of illness in these days a physician or a surgeon frequently took samples of the patient's blood and sent them to a pathologist for examination. The results of the examination were of the greatest assistance in the diagnosis of the trouble and the application of proper treatment.

Mr. W. R. Morris, the motor manufacturer, gave £25,000 for the benefit of the Birmingham hospitals at the opening of the old Calthorpe motor works as a Morris car service depot by a local firm. Some time ago Mr. Morris gave £104,000 to St. Thomas's Hospital, London.

An appeal for £150,000 to finance the extension of the Hull Royal Infirmary is being launched. An estate of 50 acres at Sutton has been given by Mr. Philip Reckitt, and promises amounting to £57,500 have been made. Three local men are giving £10,000 each.

A gift of £20,000 to the endowment fund of the Boston Hospital, Lincolnshire, has been made by a local resident, Mr. Frank Harrison.

The Treasurer of the Warrington Infirmary has received a cheque for £10,000 from Mr. J. J. Crosfield, of Embley Park, Romsey, Hampshire, who stipulated that the money should be used as an endowment.

A twenty-seven storey skyscraper, named "Hudson Towers," capable of dealing with 500 patients a day, has been secured by the New York Cancer Association for the purpose of research laboratories and a centre for an educational campaign.

## OUTSIDE THE GATES.

An event of supreme importance in the history of the British Empire took place on Monday, May 9th, when the Duke of York opened the new buildings of the Commonwealth Parliament at Canberra, which henceforth will be the Home of the Commonwealth Government.

The visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Australia has included many important events, and as the Ambassador of the King the Duke has helped to strengthen the bonds of Empire, while his smiling Duchess has won all hearts. But the main objective of their journey has been Monday's ceremony, when, after long years of waiting, the city of Canberra was acclaimed as the capital of Federated Australia, an honour which it is fitting should fall to New South Wales as the Mother State of Australia. With all circumstance and honour and the beauty of dignified ceremonial, the new buildings of the Commonwealth Parliament were opened, with the grace and fitness which are also associated with great functions conducted by members of our Royal House.

It is interesting to know that the Parliament House contains a replica of the Speaker's Chair in the House of Commons at Westminster.

Commenting on this auspicious event, the *Times* says:

"The Australians have faithfully preserved the British regard for tradition and the British realisation of the practical utility of forms and prescribed usage in legal and political life. The Commonwealth Parliament set and maintained a high standard of public dignity in Melbourne. The Duke of York will have the pleasing knowledge that he is inaugurating a new and beautiful setting for the venerable Parliamentary customs which the British have taken with them to the Antipodes. He is the first of a long line of official visitors from Great Britain who will pursue the joint business of the two countries among the amenities of the Garden City. On so auspicious a date in the history of the Australians, their kinsfolk at home and throughout the Empire congratulate them upon their prosperous past, and wish them the best of good fortune in the great tasks that await their hands." A sentiment which we cordially endorse.

The National Council of Women of Great Britain will hold its Annual Meeting and Conference in the Town Hall, Bournemouth, by kind invitation of the Bournemouth Branch, from 10th-14th October, 1927.

Conference Season Tickets, price 6s., including the Conference Handbook, and Single Tickets, price 1s., should be purchased from the Conference Secretary, Mrs. Kitching, 10, Brunstead Road, Bournemouth.

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