

His Grace then opened the Extensions with a key handed to him by the Matron, Miss C. L. Keys-Wells, in a gilt casket. A fanfare of trumpets was sounded, and the famous band of the Welsh Fusiliers accompanied the singing of the familiar hymn "Now thank we all our God."

The King and Queen arrived at four, and were received by the Archbishop, who is President of the Hospital, and, after various presentations had been made, the Matron presented the Queen with a lovely bouquet of pink roses.

Their Majesties were then shown round the new Out-patients Department and visited the wards. The King showed especial interest in an apparatus invented by Dr. Bayeaux for injecting oxygen into the lungs, and a magnet which is used for extracting specks of steel which have penetrated an eye.

The Queen was surprised, when passing along a corridor, by the request that she should pull a cord unveiling a stained-glass window commemorating her visit, and graciously complied with it.

While their visit was in progress the Choir of the old Parish Church rendered most beautifully the Hallelujah Chorus accompanied by the Band.

After the visit to the Hospital, their Majesties walked slowly round the grounds and were heartily cheered by the visitors, who lustily sang "God Save the King," as they departed.

A sumptuous tea was provided, and so well organised that every guest had a seat.

The new Out-patients Department is lined with tiles of a soft green shade, and the theatres and special department are all well up to date.

The whole function was most wonderfully organised.

The Special Committee appointed by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, President of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, to inquire into the question of Pay Beds at Voluntary Hospitals, has begun to receive evidence.

The members of the Committee are:—Viscount Hambleden, Chairman; Sir John Rose Bradford; Sir Bernard Mallet; Mr. V. Warren Low; and Professor Winifred Cullis.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary, King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, G.P.O. Box 465A, 7, Walbrook, E.C.4.

The King Edward's Hospital Fund for London proposes, so far as is in its power, to take immediate action to give effect to the suggestion of Mr. Henry J. Wells, made in a letter to *The Times* on June 22nd, that motorists should subscribe to a fund designed to meet the heavy expenses to which hospitals are put by motoring accidents, and that the trustees of King Edward's Hospital Fund (or some other body) should agree to allocate, on a basis of motoring accidents attended to, the sum so placed at their disposal.

Amongst the many addresses given in London in churches and chapels on June 19th (Hospital Sunday) Dr. Graham Little, speaking at St. Peter's, Vere Street, a church which has a largely medical congregation, said that the voluntary hospital was an essentially English invention; it was an illustration of the English character at its happiest, and afforded the most sovereign antidote to the miserable class consciousness which some present-day political creeds so cruelly promoted. If they could get some of our cruder Socialists to "walk the hospitals" he was convinced they would get a saner and more cheerful view of humanity than they now possessed.

A tablet has been placed over a bed in the Northumberland Ward at the Seamen's Hospital, dedicated to the memory of officers and men of the Mercantile Marine who lost their lives in the war. This is the seventh bed that has been endowed by the Seamen's Hospital Aid Committee since 1918.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH

In the House of Commons on June 29th, on the discussion in Committee of Supply of the Ministry of Health Vote, Mr. Chamberlain made the welcome announcement that it had now been decided to set up a Royal Commission, as requested by the L.C.C., to examine the best method of preserving the squares and open spaces of Greater London. Further, that complementary to the provision of the people's amenities was the care of their health. The general death-rate showed a gratifying decline from 12.2 to 11.6, and the infantile mortality rate from 76 to 70 per 1,000. The ravages of all diseases, except cancer and small-pox, were decreasing. The attack on cancer had made no fresh progress, but he was completely confident of ultimate success. Small-pox was 20 times as prevalent as in 1922, and he had appointed a Committee on Vaccination from a conviction that the preventable loss and suffering caused by this disease must be dealt with.

IN MEMORIAM.

A very interesting and beautiful service took place in the Royal Chapel of St Katharine, Regent's Park, on the afternoon of Sunday, June 26th, in memory of the late Warden, the Reverend Severne Majendie, who died on January 5th of this year. Members of the Matrons' Council will remember the interest, vigour, and earnestness of his address in the Chapel on the occasion of their visit to the West End Hospital near by, in July, 1925, and his kindness in explaining the many points of interest concerning it.

The Service began with the processional hymn "For all the Saints who from their labours rest," and colour and interest were given to the scene by the choir boys of this Royal Chapel in their scarlet cassocks with gold buttons, a white frill at the neck, and who wore suspended from a Royal blue ribbon a medallion bearing the head of St. Katharine.

The service was conducted by the aged Bishop Talbot (late Bishop of Winchester) a life-long friend of Mr. Majendie, and who, in his address, emphasised the purity of character of the late Warden, his loveableness and his gentleness, so that to those who knew him he was the ideal of a faithful priest and true gentleman.

The Bishop unveiled a Tablet recording the name and office of the Rev. Severne Majendie, which will be placed upon the Panel over the Warden's Stall, and also received from the Rt. Hon. Viscount Lascelles, K.G., D.S.O., on behalf of the subscribers a Thank Offering of Three Hundred Pounds, for placing a "Majendie" Memorial Cot in the Children's Ward of the West End Hospital, located in Buildings which were formerly a part of St. Katharine's (as the Master's Lodge), where the cot was subsequently dedicated.

The Matron of the Hospital is Miss Kathleen A. Smith, R.R.C., well known in the Nursing World.

LEGACIES FOR NURSES.

Mr. William P. W. Dana, of Onslow Gardens, S.W., left a legacy of £500 to his nurse-companion, Miss Ellen Bishop, "as a token of his appreciation of her faithful services."

Felicia Elizabeth, Countess Dowager of Lindsey, left £200 to Nurse Lee.

Mr. William R. Burnley, of Cheltenham, left £300 to Nurse Florence Kate Williams.

Mrs. Agnes E. M. Ball, of Bournemouth, left £52 per annum to her nurse, Miss Mary Seymour.

Mr. Alfred Byerley Smith, of Hampstead, left £100 to Doris Nicholl (Nurse Hough).

Mr. Joseph Shoesmith, of Bright View, Halifax, left £500 to Nurse Alice Maud Webber, of Anlaby Park Road, Hull.

Miss Bessie Forward, of Belvedere Road, Bournemouth, left £50 to Nurse Sarah Elizabeth Brown.

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