

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The new general hospital at Wembley will be opened by the Duke and Duchess of York on June 2nd, and the Prince of Wales has promised to inspect the building during the summer. The hospital will be opened free of debt, and a further sum of £4,000 has been raised and invested.

The Duchess of York, accompanied by the Duke, will open the new Nurses' home at the Kingston and District Hospital, at Kingston Hill, on Monday, March 19th.

The Duchess visited the hospital, which is under the control of the Kingston Board of Guardians, four years ago. The new Nurses' home, which has cost £20,000, is in the grounds adjoining the hospital.

The panel stone of an extension to the Leeds Maternity Hospital has been laid by Princess Mary Viscountess Lascelles. A sum of over £36,000 has been raised, and an appeal is now being made for a further £30,000. It is hoped to add two new wings to the Hospital.

Dr. Graham Little, M.D., M.P., and Mr. Walter G. Spencer, F.R.C.S., in two illuminating articles in *The Times* on "Hospitals and the State" discuss the fundamental change in the whole position of hospital treatment in London consequent upon the reform foreshadowed by the Minister of Health in the substitution of Municipal Hospitals for Poor Law Infirmaries in the near future.

They propose that a Conference should be held forthwith of delegates nominated by the Council of King Edward's Hospital Fund, by the Ministry of Health, and by the London County Council, with the object of setting up an Advisory Council for hospital services in the Metropolitan area.

The Metropolitan Asylums Board considers it is necessary to proceed immediately with the building of a new Nurse's block at the Western Hospital to increase the accommodation so as to provide for 199 nurses and 116 servants.

We feel sure this decision will be a great relief to the able Matron, Miss Gooding, and all the Nursing Staff. Extension of Nurses' quarters is an urgent necessity.

Five gifts of £500 each to the Special Appeal Fund of the Prince of Wales's General Hospital, N.15, have resulted from an offer made by Lord Glendyne during 1927 to give £500 if four other donors of the same amount could be found. They are from Lord Bearsted, Lord Glendyne, Mr. Robert Fleming, Mr. William Mallinson, and Mr. James Richardson. Approximately £23,000 has now been raised towards the £50,000 appeal launched by the Chairman of the hospital, Lord Glenconner.

The British Legion has earmarked £10,000 for the relief of ex-Service men and their families who are suffering from the recent floods in the London area. There are many thousands of small children whose clothing is missing or has been entirely ruined by the flood, and gifts of clothing for children, as well as for men and women, would be warmly welcomed. They should be sent to the Secretary of the British Legion Metropolitan Area Council, 9, Upper Belgrave Street, London, S.W.1.

Mr. A. D. Lasker, formerly chairman of the United States Shipping Board, and his wife, have presented the University of Chicago with \$1,000,000 [£200,000] towards the creation of the "Lasker Foundation for Medical Research" into the causes, nature, prevention, and cure of degenerative diseases.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

Since the publication of our January issue two of the great ones of the earth who have passed to their rest have received fitting honour in Westminster Abbey. Thomas Hardy, O.M., whose ashes rest in its Poets Corner, under a sprinkling of Wessex earth sent by a cottager who loved him, and Field-Marshal Earl Haig, who rested there for a short time, honoured by the King whom he served so well, members of the Royal Family, great soldiers of his own and other countries, sorrowing men and women of all classes, and the rank and file of the Army, many of whom served under him in the Great War, and who have cause to remember him with gratitude and honour, inasmuch as he never forgot the claims of the men maimed and broken in body and mind in that war to gratitude and remembrance, and to the day of his death strove to make provision for their comfort.

By his own wish his body lies at rest in the quiet country from which he took his title, by which he will be remembered "Haig of Bemersyde."

It is a source of pride to British women throughout the Empire, and indeed to women throughout the world, that the design for the new Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon of Miss Elisabeth Scott, of Bourne-mouth, has been selected by the Governors out of 72 designs submitted in a competition open to this country, Canada and the United States of America. It is specially interesting to nurses to know that this brilliant Englishwoman is the daughter of a well-known medical man, and the niece of Miss Georgina and Miss Katharine Scott, both distinguished members of the Nursing Profession, who held successively the position of Matron at the Sussex County Hospital, Brighton. Miss Scott comes of a family of illustrious architects on both sides, as her great uncle was Mr. Gilbert Scott, R.A., and her grandmother a sister of Sir George Bodley, R.A., while a second cousin was chosen as the architect of Liverpool Cathedral.

TRUE TALE WITH A MORAL.

Mistress (offering maid nice, almost new, hat): "Perhaps you can make use of this nice hat?"

Maid: "I think not, mam. Last year's 'ats do not become my style of beauty. Why not offer it to one of them poor flood victims? They might not object to wear it." Nice hat since thankfully acknowledged by poor gentlewoman.

COMING EVENTS.

February 14th, 21st and 28th.—The British College of Nurses. The first three of a course of 10 lectures on Elementary Psychology and its Application to Nursing, by Dr. T. R. Forsythe, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., 39, Portland Place, London, W. 7.30 p.m.

February 18th.—Fever Nurses' Association. Social Afternoon. Lecture by Miss M. S. Bryson, F.B.C.N., on "Impressions of the International Conference at Geneva." M.A.B. Headquarters, Embankment, E.C. 3 p.m.

February 25th.—The British College of Nurses. Council Meeting. 39, Portland Place, London, W. 3 p.m.

February 27th.—The British College of Nurses. Obligation Day. 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30-5 p.m.

February 28th and 29th.—Central Poor Law Conference, Guildhall. To be opened by the Lord Mayor; Lord Richard Cavendish presiding.

February 29th.—League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, Special General Meeting, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, E.C., 5.30 p.m.

March 22nd.—The British College of Nurses. Conference on Private Nursing. 39, Portland Place, London, W. 5.30 p.m.

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