

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Queen recently visited the Ross Institute and Hospital for Tropical Diseases, on Putney Heath, and expressed her pleasure at its arrangements. The patients come from all parts of the world, and on the occasion of Her Majesty's visit, there were in the hospital patients from Belgium, Burma, Egypt, Ceylon, the Dardanelles, Singapore, the Congo, Uganda and Persia. The Director-in-Chief is Sir Ronald Ross, K.C.B., F.R.S., M.D., and the Director of Tropical Medicine and Dermatology, Sir Aldo Castellani, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.D.

The Matron is Miss M. Gray, S.R.N., F.B.C.N.

The hospital stands back from the road surrounded by beautifully-kept lawns, and attractively laid out flower beds.

Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, recently visited Castleford and formally opened the War Memorial Maternity Home.

In a subsequent letter to Mr. Anson (Chairman of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee at Castleford), Miss Kenyon-Slaney, Lady-in-waiting, wrote:—

"Princess Mary desires me to express the great pleasure it gave her Royal Highness to open Castleford's War Memorial Maternity Home. The Princess feels that it is hardly possible to over-estimate the value of such homes, and she sincerely congratulates Castleford both on having been early to recognise the need, and also on providing such a suitable and satisfactory and well-equipped building. Her Royal Highness sends best wishes for its future growth and success."

The Annual Report of St. Thomas's Hospital just issued, states that for some years the Governors have been considering the possibility of erecting an out-patient department on the site which they purchased in 1919, opposite the hospital. After long and careful consideration a scheme has been evolved which, if it can be carried out, will make St. Thomas's the finest hospital in Europe, with the most up-to-date methods of treatment in all branches of the out-patient department.

It is also proposed to increase the beds in St. Thomas's Home for patients of moderate means from 20 to 80 or 100. It is thought that the Home might be self-supporting, and yet contain certain rooms where persons with small means could have the best treatment and nursing, while those who desire greater privacy and luxury could obtain it at higher rates.

One of the most important events in the 200 years' history of Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital took place on August 26th, when the first sod was cut for the great new building at Hammersmith. Work is being begun on the isolation block in the north-east corner of the site.

Princess Mary Viscountess Lascelles will lay the foundation stone of the building on November 4th, and it is hoped that the roof will be on by Christmas and that patients may be received early next year.

At the other extremity of the site, and facing almost due south, is planned the main hospital building.

Another new departure will be the great block for paying patients. Five stories high, this will be built on the eastern side of the site. Here will be 80 beds for middle-class patients, each in a separate and pleasant room, and it is stated that the fees charged will be far less than those in a private nursing home.

The Minister of Pensions, Mr. F. O. Roberts, has appointed a Committee to inquire into the administration of the Queen Alexandra (Ministry of Pensions) Hospital, Cosham, Hampshire, and to report thereon.

Sir Charles Wakefield, honorary treasurer of the National Children's Home and Orphanage, has promised to contribute £1,000 for the addition of an orthopaedic clinic, which is to be equipped with an ultra-violet room, to Watson House, Sutton Coldfield, the new convalescent centre of the Home.

A hospital attendant, T. R. Snowball, was recently censured by the Leeds Board of Guardians in connection with the death of an inmate of the Union hospital, George Wormald.

The patient concerned was suffering from an acute form of cancer and had occasionally to be given sleeping draughts. Snowball, who administered the drug, was, it was stated, neither a registered medical practitioner nor a trained nurse.

It had been the practice to send to the attendant a bottle containing one dose only. Then the practice was changed and a bottle containing more than one dose was sent to him.

The Board was of the opinion that while the attendant was largely to blame he was not wholly so. At the same time they thought that any attendant should read the directions on the bottle, and if Snowball had done so the patient would not have died.

They also came to the conclusion that the attendants should be properly qualified men. Why does the Board appoint those who are not?

THE FLEMING HOSPITAL COOKERY BOOK.

Although the generosity of the public in support of voluntary hospitals increases year by year, the struggle to keep them solvent needs much anxious thought and organised effort. Women are taking a very active part nowadays in helping to raise funds, and the smaller hospitals owe them a great debt of gratitude—when a women's committee are allowed scope for their energies.

Two years ago we drew attention to the original idea of the Ladies' Committee of the Newcastle Children's Hospital in compiling and issuing the Fleming Hospital Cookery Book—which contained 300 recipes contributed by a great number of skilled housewives. This work proved a great financial success, and our "par." sold upwards of a hundred copies. We have just received a copy of the Fleming Hospital New Cookery Book which is not a new edition of the first, but which contains over 300 new recipes which have been collected by the Chairman and members of the Ladies' Committee, many of which make the mouth water, and which we are of opinion are in many instances original and not to be found included in other books of this kind.

The recipes are classified under a number of headings—quite up to date in that Cocktails and Cups come first. "Remember" and "Rules for Cooking" should be learned by heart. Under the headings of Soups, Fish Dishes, Egg Dishes, Entrees, Game, Meats and Puddings, Savouries, Salads, Cakes, Scones, etc., Biscuits, Pickles, Sauces and Chutneys, etc., Pastries, Sandwiches, Sweetmeats and Invalid Dishes will be found a list of delicious dishes which might well be introduced to the notice of those who have been blessed with a palate. Convalescent patients are well catered for; as we all know, their appetites often require coaxing, and this New Cookery Book should prove a blessing to managers of Nursing Homes.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York has accepted the first copy.

Please assist the Hospital by buying a copy of this book, which can be procured from Mrs. C. Bedford Fenwick, 7, Lambton Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne, or from the Matron of the Fleming Hospital for Children of that City. Price, 2s. 6d.

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