

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

On December 4th the Prince of Wales inaugurated the appeal of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, for £1,000,000 to meet the cost of the building, reconstruction of blocks and wards and other alterations and requirements needed to maintain and improve its efficiency. The Governors can put forward three forcible claims for a response to their Appeal; (1) that the hospital has a record of 800 years of good work behind it, (2) that during that time it has only made one national appeal, and (3) that it is the only City hospital.

The Prince, who is President of the Hospital, received an enthusiastic welcome from students and nurses as he walked across the Square with the Lord Mayor and a small procession, which included the Matron, Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., to the Great Hall, where were gathered members of the Medical Staff, as many Sisters as could be spared from their duties, and prominent supporters of the hospital.

Identifying himself with the Appeal, the Prince said: "Nothing really vital has been, or can be, accomplished without imagination, without carrying our vision over immediate obstacles. We need to look, as Bart's is looking, to the years ahead of us; to a goal which it is not for us to dismiss as impossible."

The ceremony in the Great Hall closed with the admission of His Royal Highness as a perpetual student of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College. Dr. T. W. Shore, the Dean of the College, read the Obligation required of a student that he should conform to the rules and regulations and acknowledge that the permission accorded him to attend the hospital is conditional on his work and conduct being satisfactory to the Treasurer and the medical officers. Amid laughter and cheers the Prince then signed the Roll.

Princess Arthur of Connaught recently received a cheque for £500 at West London Hospital to endow a children's cot which will be named after the Earl of Macduff, the Princess's son.

Her Royal Highness also opened a Christmas Bazaar at 18, Carlton House Terrace, in aid of the Middlesex Hospital Reconstruction Fund. One room was devoted to Middlesex Hospital activities, and on the Nursing Staff Stall, arranged by Miss Dorothy Smith (Lady Superintendent), there were charming clothes for children and good examples of needlework and embroidery. A substantial sum was raised.

"Alexandra Day," held on June 12th, in London, was very successful. £53,700 was collected, and added to this the steamship companies collected £961; other income, £4,423; making a total of £59,084. The expenses amounted to £9,214.

Princess Helena Victoria visited Nottingham to open the new hospital for women, which has cost about £40,000, and will take the place of two older and smaller institutions. Accommodation is provided for 60 beds, but the new wing, which is shortly to be undertaken, at a cost of about £12,000, will provide a further 40 beds. The hospital has been opened free of debt. A short dedication service was conducted by the Bishop of Southwell.

Lord Knutsford, Chairman of the London Hospital, sends the following appeal to the Press:—

We are in trouble at the London Hospital. Two years ago we opened a Children's Clinic to which the more difficult cases might be sent from the local welfare centres.

We had no idea that the need could be so great.

To-day our wretchedly small rooms are so crowded that it is more than a "scandal"—it is positively cruel to go on treating children in them. If anyone cares to see doctors and nurses trying to do good work under the worst conditions, let him, or her for choice, come to the hospital any Tuesday morning at 10.30.

Four thousand seven hundred pounds will end this.

Please let me give these poor children a Christmas present of a better chance to face life, not handicapped by curable illness. I have never asked for what was not really needed.

Fulham Road Cancer Hospital, S.W., is to provide 80 additional beds, some for patients who can pay for treatment.

A gift of £25,000 from Mr. Robert Mond to the extension fund of the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, Westminster, is announced.

TRUE TALE WITH A MORAL.

"THINKING FAIRIES"

We were commiserating a bright little poppet on the proposal of the pundits at Teacher's College, New York, to eliminate fairy tales from the curriculum and substitute stern realities.

Our little friend smiled mysteriously and tapping her forehead said:

"I can think fairies."

Profound wisdom indeed. When we cease to "think fairies," life becomes a very prosaic affair.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

The Christmas rush has begun, the shops look their brightest and most attractive. "Where shall we go?" "What shall we buy?" are questions heard on all sides. One thing is certain, a good hot water bottle is always an acceptable present, whether for father, mother, or the latest arrival. When purchasing it is wise to secure one of J. G. Ingram & Son's, Ltd., for their products have a record of 80 years behind them, and they are thoroughly dependable.

Busy nurses in the medical quarter cannot do better than visit the establishment of Messrs. Gayler & Pope, Ltd., 117, High Street, Marylebone, W. Housed under one roof they will find everything they need from toys to carpets, and nurses' uniforms to cushions. Many nurses have found out the attractiveness and usefulness of this establishment, but to those who have not we would say "Go and see."

Johnson & Johnson, Ltd., have a fine reputation for Baby Powder (Borated Talcum) which is always appreciated; and in larger circles than those of babies only.

EATAN.

Eatan is a valuable new preparation now widely recommended as a tonic and nutritious extract to be used in cases of nervous and general debility. It is prepared by eliminating from fresh beef useless elements in order to supply some most concentrated nourishment in a form agreeable to a patient and one in which the digestive organs are stimulated to activity, thus adding to the value of the ordinary diet by ensuring more thorough digestion and absorption. Thus it is particularly valuable in cases of neurasthenia, tuberculosis and malnutrition. It can be taken easily with a little water, or, if children object to having it in this way a small quantity can be added to their ordinary food without being detected. Doctors order it frequently now as a means of obtaining more rapid recuperation after serious illness; while nurses often find it exceedingly invaluable as a means of preventing excessive tiredness during a spell of more than usually heavy night-duty.

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