

rest in the quiet country churchyard of East Wellow, a country village in Hampshire, near Embley Park. Let us thank God for her steadfastness, courage, and commanding genius. Lastly, when mistaken persons endeavour to dissuade young friends and relatives from adopting nursing as their profession, on the ground that this would be a waste of natural talents and expensive education, they have an unanswerable argument in reply. Florence Nightingale did not find a life of 90 years too long in which to exercise usefully her exceptional gifts in the service of humanity, through the profession of Nursing.

ETHEL GORDON FENWICK.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

Princess Mary, Countess of Harewood, will open the first section of the new Queen Charlotte's Hospital at Hammersmith, on Thursday, July 10th.

Princess Arthur of Connaught has consented to open the patients' sale of work at the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables, Putney, on June 24th, at 2.30.

Princess Helena Victoria has given her patronage to Mrs. Stanley Baldwin's matinee performance in support of her appeal to provide maternity hospitals and other institutions with anaesthetics for mothers.

On April 1st, the work of the Metropolitan Asylums Board was taken over by the London County Council. The Board will go on record as a great Service whose work was highly efficient and of great benefit to sufferers from infectious diseases in the Metropolis, and, incidentally, to the community at large in isolating these cases. Its work for poor-law children has also been of great value.

Two splendid gifts to hospitals are announced this month. Lady Houston has made an unconditional gift of £100,000 to St. Thomas's Hospital, which will be paid into the general funds, and be known as "the Lady Houston Gift."

Sir William Morris, Chairman of Morris Motors, Ltd., has given £140,000 to the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, for a new maternity department, and for the extension of the site of the hospital.

Lord Knutsford, Chairman for thirty-four years of the London Hospital, whose almost miraculous power of extracting money from the public—in support of the various extensions of the charity—has just passed a seventy-fifth birthday. The House Governor, Mr. E. W. Morris, had the bright idea of suggesting a birthday present through the Press, to enable the "Prince of Beggars" to carry out certain improvements in the X-Ray Department. No less a sum than £3,313 was received in a week's time, thus the problem of the X-Ray Committee has been solved. Lord Knutsford was not altogether pleased with the appeal, but has been reconciled by its result, and well he may be, kind wishes came laden with gold—sincerest proof of appreciation!

Rest rooms, for relatives and friends waiting for news of patients, are being provided at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, through the generosity of Smithfield butchers. The scheme, costing £15,000, will be completed this month, the rooms having been built and equipment only being required. The rooms will include lounges, cubicles, and a canteen.

Presiding at the annual general meeting of Governors of St. Mark's Hospital, City Road, London, on March 20th, the Lord Mayor, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs, said he noted that the work in

every department of the hospital showed a decided advance since the last annual meeting. In the past year 806 patients were admitted to the wards, and 915 operations were performed, and in addition the out-patients' attendances numbered 7,438. These figures were the highest recorded in the history of the hospital.

St. Mark's, he said, carried on a specialised work of great value, but the diseases which it treated were not those upon which a high light could be shed in the Press. It had a splendidly equipped research laboratory, where some very promising investigations into the cause of cancer were being carried out, and these investigations were being supported by the British Empire Cancer Campaign. But research work and the maintenance of a special hospital involved great expense, and help was urgently needed to put the hospital on a sound financial basis. Financially, the year had been a critical one, for expenditure had exceeded income by £830, and the bank loan now amounted to between £4,000 and £5,000.

The Minister of Health has refused to sanction Willesden's proposed municipal birth control clinic.

THE EMPIRE RED CROSS CONFERENCE.

The Queen has informed the British Red Cross Society that she will be pleased to receive the delegates from the Red Cross Societies of the Empire attending the Red Cross Conference to be held in London from May 19th to May 24th, on Wednesday, May 21st, at 11 a.m.

On May 24th, Princess Mary, Countess of Harewood, Commandant-in-chief, will inspect a rally of V.A.D.s at Hatfield.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

I.C.W. Meetings in Vienna.

The International Council of Women will be holding its big Quinquennial Council Meeting in Vienna, under the Presidency of the Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair, from May 26th to June 7th of this year. The State Apartments of the Hofburg (the old Imperial Palace in the centre of the town) have been put at the disposal of the Council, and about 800 delegates and visitors from all parts of the world are expected to take part in the meetings.

The National Council of Women of Austria, as well as the State Authorities and those of the Municipality of Vienna, are preparing a most generous welcome to the foreign delegates. The Chancellor of the Austrian Republic will receive the delegates in the Foreign Office. A Garden Party will be given by the Minister of Commerce in the beautiful park of the Schönbrunn Castle, and there will be a reception by the Burgomaster of Vienna in the magnificent Town Hall, and the National Council of Women of Austria will give an evening reception and a banquet in honour of the foreign delegates.

The Duty of Nurses as Taxpayers.

No wonder money is tight—the huge exploitation of the taxpayer is apparently more reckless than ever—the estimates for the Ministries of Health and Labour alone cost us £96,995,801, an increase of £10,047,525 over last year. The salaries and wages in the Ministry of Labour cost £4,241,000 a year, and our contribution towards the cost of the International Labour Organisation (League of Nations) at Geneva is £36,500 this year, and no wonder with its magnificent building and extensive gardens to maintain.

Britain's share in the general expenses of the League of Nations this year will be £79,000—higher than in any other year, and representing 10.65 per cent. of the total.

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