

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Queen has signified her intention of opening the new Bethlem Hospital at Monks Orchard, Eden Park, Beckenham, on Wednesday, July 9, at 3.15 p.m.

The Duchess of York has consented to accept the office of President of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, which has become vacant through the death of Lord Balfour. Important developments are now taking place. Gifts of £63,000 from Lord Beaverbrook and £25,000 from the late Lord Revelstoke have made possible the rebuilding of the medical school, and an equally generous gift of £40,000 has been received from Lord Iveagh for the rebuilding of the research department. The hospital is also to be extended by the provision of a pay bed unit of, ultimately, 100 beds.

Princess Beatrice recently laid the foundation stone at Richmond Road, Earl's Court, of the new Kensington, Fulham, and Chelsea General Hospital, which, when completed, will have accommodation for 112 beds. The President is Lord Carisbrooke.

Presiding at the annual court of governors of St. George's Hospital, Prince George stated that unless an additional income of at least £20,000 could be assured the time would come when its activities would have to be curtailed. He added that last year some 5,000 in-patients and 39,000 new out-patients were treated, and that 250 infants were born in the hospital.

A wing, endowed by American subscriptions, is shortly to be opened at Charing Cross Hospital. Upon the exterior will be placed the inscription, "Columbia Wing. Endowed by the generosity of American citizens." The largest subscriber to the wing, which will consist of two wards of 20 beds, is Mr. E. Stephen Harkness, of New York, who has given £5,000. A further £15,000 is, however, still needed.

The Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, Westminster, is a hospital in which we have always taken the warmest interest since the day when it first opened its doors to babies suffering from malnutrition now twenty-seven years ago. From the first it has always emphasised the educational side of its work and we note that last year, in co-operation with the Fellowship of Medicine and Post-Graduate Medical Association, three special courses in Infants' Diseases, comprising ninety lectures and demonstrations, were given at the Hospital to Medical Officers of Welfare Centres and

other medical graduates by the Medical Director and the Medical Staff of the Hospital.

Forty lectures on Infant Care and Management were delivered at the Hospital last year to Nurses, Health Visitors, Inspectors of Midwives, Midwives, and Domestic Science Students by the Medical Director and the Medical Staff of the Hospital. Most of these lectures were arranged in conjunction with the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality.

The large number of applicants for admission as pupil-probationers demonstrates the value of the special training courses.

A valuable side of the work of the Hospital is the Convalescent Home at Burnham Beeches, and there is solid satisfaction in life when one sees a sick child whom one has nursed back to health, enjoying life as the youngster does whose picture we are able to print, by the courtesy of the Secretary of the Hospital, Mr. A. J. Small.

The Matron of the Hospital is Miss E. W. Littlejohn, who was trained at King's College Hospital, and before her appointment to the Infants' Hospital was Assistant Matron at the London Temperance Hospital.

The Finance Committee of the Star and Garter Homes for Disabled Sailors and Soldiers state that the ability of the governors to continue the future working of the homes with the same efficiency as in the past is jeopardised by the decrease which is probable in the interest-earning power of the investments, and the continual diminishing contributions from the Ministry of Pensions.

Lord Linlithgow, at the request of the British Ambassador in Paris has consented to act as chairman of a commission of enquiry to report on the necessity for modernising and enlarging the Hertford British Hospital in Paris, and the following is a list of the members: Sir

Basil Mayhew, Mr. Herbert L. Eason, Mrs. Loch, Mr. Evelyn M. Toulmin, and Mr. R. H. P. Orde (honorary assessor to the commission).

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 rooms will include lounges, cubicles, and a canteen.

THE HEALTH AND HAPPINESS EXHIBITION.

The Prince of Wales has consented to become the patron of the Health and Happiness Exhibition to be held at Olympia in July.



TEDDY (AGED 18 MONTHS)
At the Infants' Hospital Convalescent Home, Burnham.

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