

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Queen has conferred her patronage upon the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road.

The Prince of Wales, attended by Captain J. R. Aird, recently visited Edinburgh—and flew back to London—to support the Royal Infirmary appeal for a £500,000 extension fund, and to open a hospital and convalescent home for ex-Service men.

Princess Mary, Countess of Harewood recently paid a visit to Oxford to receive the degree of Doctor of Civil Law at the University, to inspect the Wingfield Orthopædic Hospital at Headington and to open the new building of the Headington Girls School. At Pembroke College she assumed the robes which she is now entitled to wear, and was conducted to the Sheldonian Theatre where on the entry of the procession the patriotic organist, Mr. W. H. Harris, played "Rule Britannia," followed by the National Anthem.

This was the first time in the history of the University that a Royal Princess, other than the reigning Queen or the Princess of Wales, has had such a degree conferred upon her.

The Vice-Chancellor having opened Convocation, the Public Orator read the diploma conferring the degree, and in a short Latin speech asked the Princess to accept the diploma of the Doctorate—the most distinguished gift which the University could confer, given only to the most illustrious persons. It was offered as a token of reverence and admiration for the Princess, and of loyalty to the Royal Family.

At the conclusion of his speech the Vice-Chancellor handed to the Princess a casket containing the diploma, and addressing the House, said, still in Latin, that her Royal Highness had commanded him to say that she appreciated the kindly and loyal sentiments and had pleasure in accepting the gift.

At the Wingfield Orthopædic Hospital the Princess made an exhaustive tour of the institution, and showed particular interest in the spinal cases under treatment and the training for patients. Her Royal Highness is seen in the picture wearing her robes of the Doctorate which she retained during the remainder of her visit to Oxford.

Princess Mary also recently opened the East Surrey Hospital Extension at Redhill, and later presented the

prizes to the children of the Foundling Hospital Schools. At the hospital she was received by the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Lord Ashcombe; the president of the hospital, Sir Jeremiah Colman, and others. The Princess made a tour of the hospital, and spoke to all the patients, with the exception of a few children who were asleep, and for these she left roses from a bouquet presented to her by the granddaughter of the chairman of the hospital, Mr. W. W. Paine.

The Duke of Gloucester, President of the Royal National Orthopædic Hospital, presiding over a festival dinner held at the Mansion House in support of the special appeal for £100,000 for necessary extensions to the existing buildings, and their equipment and maintenance, said in the course of an eloquent speech, in which he pleaded the needs of the hospital: "You may ask whether the need is really so urgent, but you will be satisfied when I tell you that twenty years ago we had about 100 beds, and to-day we have 476. Twenty years ago we had less than 20,000 out-patients a

year; last year we had 103,000." During the evening the Duke announced donations of over £15,000.

On July 23 Prince George will visit the Papworth Village Settlement for sufferers from tuberculosis, near Cambridge, and open the new cabinet-making workshop.

At the Quarterly Court of Governors of the London Hospital, Lord Knutsford announced the resignation of

Mr. E. W. Morris, who had resigned the post of House Governor on reaching the age of 65. The committee had accepted this resignation with very earnest regret. To mark their appreciation of his work they had elected him to be a member of the House Committee, and were pleased to know that in this way they would retain his advice and help in the future of the hospital. Mr. Arthur G. Elliott had been elected to succeed him, and the committee were satisfied that in appointing him they had made a good choice, he having been 28 years at the hospital, and secretary for the past 11 years.

The annual report of St. Mary's Hospital, referring to the proposals for the development of the island site, says that these are the establishment of a pay bed unit of approximately 30 beds by the conversion of the first floor of the existing Nurses' Home into a pay bed block; and the provision of more maternity accommodation made possible by the re-housing of the Inoculation Department, which will set free approximately 50 beds in the hospital.



H.R.H. PRINCESS MARY, the youngest D.C.L. in her robes at the Wingfield Orthopædic Hospital, Headington.

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