

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

With the consent of the Duchess of York, a cot in the country branch of the Royal National Orthopædic Hospital, Stanmore, Middlesex, has been named the "Princess Margaret Rose Cot."

At a Festival Dinner at the Mansion House on behalf of University College Hospital, on the evening of November 6th, H.R.H. Prince George, who honoured the occasion by acting as Chairman, was able to announce that the generous sum of £6,500 had been subscribed in response to the appeal launched to clear the Hospital of the deficit on the expenses of the year.

Both the work and the accommodation of the Hospital had grown and the number of beds had increased from 322 to 340 in the past two years. Sir Herbert Samuelson, Chairman and Treasurer of the Hospital, paid a generous tribute to the work of the nursing staff which he considered contributed enormously to the success of the Hospital.

Sir Johnston Forbes Robertson in speaking for the success of the appeal for this "nearly a hundred years' old hospital," eloquently inspired a spirit of generosity. He concluded by suggesting that those kind donors who had already filled in their subscription cards, which in addition to pens and pencils had been provided for each guest, should re-open their envelopes and add just a little "o" to the figure.

Col. Sir H. Wernher, who proposed the toast of the Chairman, spoke of the keen interest the Prince had taken in the Hospital. He coupled with this toast a tribute of gratitude to H.H. Princess Marie Louise who had honoured the festival with her presence. The Matron of the Hospital could testify to what an ardent worker the Princess was in the interests of the patients and nurses.

The Lord Mayor in his reply reminded us of impending changes at the Mansion House in the way of both re-building and re-decorating, so that many a guest must have left knowing they would never again look on that particularly gay, attractive and historical pageant in its so long remembered present-day guise.

COMING EVENTS.

November 12th.—The Matron-in-Chief and Members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, "At Home," Edward VII. Rooms, Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, 3.30-6 p.m.

November 21st and 22nd.—Nurses' Missionary League. Sale of Work, 135, Ebury Street, S.W. 10 a.m.—9 p.m.

November 22nd.—The British College of Nurses, Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.15 p.m.

November 26th.—The British College of Nurses. Lecture on Nursing History, by Miss Isabel Macdonald. Chairman, H.R.H. Princess Arthur of Connaught. 39, Portland Place, W. 3 p.m.

Miss Cochrane and Miss Bushby "At Home," 4 to 6 p.m.

November 27th, 28th and 29th.—Imperial Nurses' Club Bazaar, 137, Ebury Street, S.W.1. 10 a.m.—10 p.m.

November 28th.—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Annual Meeting of Grand Council. The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, in the chair. 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W. Tea 4 p.m. Meeting, 4.30 p.m.

December 6th.—League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. General Meeting. Lecture Room. Tea and Sale of Work in Sitting Rooms, Nurses' Home, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C.

Royal British Nurses' Association.

November 20th.—Lecture on "The Story of the Life Boat" by Captain Basil Hall. 3 p.m.

December 6th.—Gift Sale for the House Beautiful Fund. 2 p.m. Birthday Anniversary Party. 4-6 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

Baby Princess Margaret Rose was christened on October 30th, in the beautiful little private chapel of Buckingham Palace by the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by Prebendary Percival. Water brought from the River Jordan was used, and also the gold lily font, which was made in 1840 for the christening of Queen Victoria's eldest daughter, the Princess Royal.

The infant Princess wore the christening robe of cream satin and Brussels lace which was first used at Queen Victoria's christening, and worn last by Princess Elizabeth.

St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance is organising an appeal for a gift in honour of St. Joan of Arc on the occasion of the five-hundredth anniversary of her death. A memorial committee has been formed in Rouen to build a church dedicated to St. Joan on the site of her martyrdom, the foundation stone of which is to be laid by the Archbishop of Rouen on May 30, 1931, the anniversary of her death at the stake. The organisers of the appeal propose that the English people shall give either the main door to this church, with a representation of St. Joan as part of the decoration, or a stained-glass window, to either of which gifts a suitable inscription would be added.

We hope representatives of the British Nurses may be present at this ceremony; the death of Joan of Arc was a tragedy the English people have bitterly regretted for hundreds of years. If we can add honour to her glorious memory, let us offer it.

In honour of St. Joan's Quincentenary Celebrations a Public Meeting will be held in the Town Hall, Kensington, on Friday, November 21st, at 8 p.m. His Eminence Cardinal Bourne will preside, and Sir Johnstone Forbes-Robertson and other eminent people will speak on England's Memorial in Rouen to St. Joan of Arc. Admission free. Reserved seats, 5s., 2/6 and 1/-. from the Hon. Secretary, c/o St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance, 55, Berners Street, W.1.

The ballot took place in the House of Commons on October 30th, for the right to introduce private members' Bills on the Fridays of the first part of the Session. Dr. Ethel Bentham (East Islington, Lab.) drew fifth place for the Nationality of Married Women Bill—a very important measure for women—as it provides for the retention of their nationality; at present this birthright is lost on marriage with a foreigner.

The University of Wales has awarded Fellowships for the first time to two women exclusively—Miss Muriel Florence Joliffe, for Economics; and Miss Margaret Emma Metcalf, for Zoology.

Miss Joliffe, who is now reading at the British Museum, was awarded the M.A.

Mr. J. B. Lawford, F.R.C.S., makes an appeal through the *Times* to some of those who, like himself, have retired from active pursuit of their professional or commercial calling, to occupy some of their spare time in helping their blind fellow creatures. This they can do by learning to transcribe books into Braille. The National Library for the Blind (35, Great Smith Street, S.W.1) is hungry for more voluntary writers, and will gladly welcome offers from, and give the necessary instruction to, any one who is willing to help and will apply to the Secretary. The work is interesting and the results most helpful. In 1929 the voluntary writers added to the library 1,612 volumes, but this number is insufficient to meet the demands of its readers.

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