

## THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Prince of Wales, K.G., President of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London when he recently inaugurated the Special Appeal for the reconstruction of the hospital, in the Great Hall of that venerable institution, spoke with discerning sympathy of its work and needs. His Royal Highness said in part:—

"It was eight hundred years ago on this very spot that the ancient Hospital of St. Bartholomew was given, by Henry the First, that Charter of Foundation which marked an epoch in the history of medicine and in the life of the British people by starting Bart.'s on its mission for the mastery and prevention of disease—a mission pursued with unabated zeal and energy to this day.

"To-day, perhaps, marks yet another epoch in the history of this ancient institution. For we are here to release a signal—that Bart.'s has begun her great forward movement towards a Temple of Health: a signal that expresses an aim and an ideal justifying the whole-hearted sympathy of all.

"It is an S O S signal that none may ever forget Bart.'s need; a light to remind us, at each flash, of the fight for life facing one or more of our fellow-creatures; of the care and the cures that Bart.'s, despite all handicaps, is at this and at every moment administering in her wards, her laboratories and her operation theatres; cures that her doctors will perform whatever our response. Above all, it should remind us of the miracles they could perform with so much greater effect and to such far greater purpose, with our encouragement, understanding and support."

We are indebted to the Editor of the *St. Bartholomew's Hospital Journal* for our picture of the Signal.

Prince George, President of University College Hospital, will formally open on Wednesday, March 19th, the new preliminary training school for nurses presented to the hospital by the Rockefeller Foundation of the United States.

The old English Garden Bazaar at the Oldham Royal Infirmary realised the splendid total of £8,329 in three days—the Infirmary Toilet Stall made £205.

On a site at Edgbaston, adjoining the University, given by Messrs. Cadbury Bros., and at an estimated cost of

£1,000,000, without equipment, the city of Birmingham is to have a splendid new hospital with accommodation for 750 patients and another 100 beds for paying patients. The Chairman of the Board is Sir Charles Grant Robertson, Vice-Chancellor of the University, and there will be close association between the University and the medical school of the hospital, and (may we hope) with the Nursing School also? The campaign to raise funds for the scheme will open with a meeting in the Birmingham Town Hall on March 5th, at which the Minister of Health and the Bishop of Birmingham will be among the speakers.



THE S O S SIGNAL FOR ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL RECENTLY RELEASED BY H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G.

### THE PASSING BELL.

We regret to record the death of Miss Ethel Gordon Dunbar, the third daughter of the late Lieut.-Colonel Arbutnott Dunbar, of the Gordon Highlanders, belonging to an old Morayshire family. After work in various branches of nursing she specialised in mental nursing, and was thus engaged at the outbreak of the Great War. In the winter of 1914 she worked in a French Military Hospital at Nice, and then, with the Society of Friends, amongst the French Refugees, being awarded the *Medaille de la Reconnaissance Francaise* for her services.

In 1919, also with the Society of Friends, she volunteered to serve in Poland in their endeavour to cope with the aftermath of the war, and, when the appalling conditions of the prison camp at Bialystok became known, she and her friend, Miss Leigh, volunteered their services to the American Red Cross while waiting for the arrival of a British unit. The report of the American Red Cross authorities stated that the conditions of this camp were deplorable. About 3,000 prisoners were quartered in the building without fire, without blankets, with little food, and practically no medical or nursing attention. Probably 80 per cent. of the prisoners were sick, chiefly with dysentery, typhus and tuberculosis. The number dying each day varied from 30 to 50. Miss Dunbar and Miss Leigh moved into a small building connected with the camp and worked day and night to relieve the situation. Both contracted typhus, but undeterred started work again as soon as health permitted. But the health of both was broken. Miss Leigh died some years ago, and Miss Dunbar, who contracted tuberculosis after typhus, has now died after nine years of failing health.

### LEGACIES TO NURSES.

Miss Georgina Katherine Grisell Baillie Elliott, of Bath, left £100 each to Nurse Phillips and Nurse Reade.

Mrs. Katherine Maskew, of Bournemouth, left £200 to Marcella Breach, nurse.

Mr. Walter Gouldsmith Gribble left £100 and £150 a year to Nurse Beatrice Henderson.

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