

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Queen, in the presence of the Duke of York, Chairman of the Council of the British Red Cross Society, Princess Mary, Countess of Harewood, Princess Helena Victoria, and a large gathering, opened in Regent's Park on March 5, the first clinic provided by the British Red Cross Society for the treatment of rheumatism. The Address presented to Her Majesty, by Brigadier-General H. B. Champaign, contained the following clause:—

"The British Red Cross Society clinic for the treatment of rheumatic diseases, which your Majesty has graciously consented to open, is intended to be the centre of a network of similar clinics that we hope to spread throughout industrial and densely populated areas. The urgent need for a combined attack on rheumatism is agreed upon by all. There are few families in the United Kingdom that have not, from personal experience, some knowledge of rheumatism and its disabling character."

The Queen opened the clinic by releasing the water valve which filled the treatment pool, and afterwards made a detailed inspection of the clinic.

The Sister-in-Charge was amongst those who had the honour of being presented to her Majesty on her arrival.

The Duke of York has consented to preside on the occasion of the Tropical Hospital Banquet at the Mansion House on April 8th. The object of the banquet is to augment the Tropical Hospital Fund for the extension and improvement of the hospital, which is situated in Endsleigh Gardens, Euston, and which is a branch of the Seamen's Hospital Society.

Performances of the historical pageant play, *The Acts of Raheve*, are to be given daily from 6 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. in St. Bartholomew's Church, from next Tuesday, March 11th in aid of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Reconstruction Fund. Every seat is numbered and reservable. The prices are 20s., 10s., 5s. and 2s. 6d., and they may be booked immediately through the usual theatre agency, offices, or direct from the Great Hall, St. Bartholomew's Hospital—Telephone, National 2860 and 4444, where a free programme synopsis can be obtained. Seats can also be booked for the play on Sunday, the 16th inst., at 3 p.m.

A new open-air ward at St. Martin's (Church of England Waifs and Strays) Orthopaedic Hospital, Pyrford, Surrey, has been opened by the Bishop of London. The ward, which is open to the south, has accommodation for 40 children.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

Princess Helena Victoria, president of the League of Roses, last week distributed badges to the members of the League at the Northern Polytechnic, Holloway Road.

She mentioned that since the League was started in November, 1910, they had handed over to the Royal Northern Hospital £26,276, and last year's contribution was £1,556. A fine result, indeed.

Canon Alexander has announced that St. Paul's Cathedral will be opened to the public on June 25th next, when he hopes to see "a great procession of workmen march to the service and sit side by side in worship with their King."

The Cathedral, owing to the work of skilled craftsmen, is sound for centuries to come.

Under the ten minutes' rule Mr. Lovat Fraser, M.P. for Lichfield, introduced a Bill last week to prohibit the hunting of deer with hounds. It is high time this "sport" was prohibited. These gentle, lovely creatures suffer extreme terror from pursuit and should be protected by law from the cruel and callous who find "pleasure" in their torture.

THE CEREMONIAL UNVEILING OF THE STATUE OF MRS. PANKHURST.

With all circumstance and honour the Statue of Mrs. Pankhurst was unveiled on March 6th in the Victoria Tower Gardens, Westminster, in the shadow of the House of Lords.

It was a strange scene to those who remember the days when militant suffragists were demanding that they should be enfranchised on the same terms as men, when to wear the colours of their beloved Union was to render them liable to suspicion, derision, and ill treatment. Now these same colours enfolded the fine Statue in bronze, awaiting unveiling, of their great leader, and those wearing them were given pride of place by members of the Police Force, acting now as Guardians of the Peace instead—no doubt under official instructions—of making war on women with ruthless savagery.

The Ceremonial Unveiling was timed for 12 noon, but long before that hour men and women of all ranks and political parties took up their allotted places, and from 11 o'clock onwards the Metropolitan Police Central Band played a selected programme of music, the "March of the Women," led by the composer, Dame Ethel Smyth, being received with loud applause.

Punctually at 12 o'clock Mrs. Flora Drummond opened the proceedings by reading from the platform a cable from Miss Christabel Pankhurst:—

"Loving remembrance to you and all who followed mother in the fight, and thankfulness to God for the victory which gave women their place in the Constitution."

In a few words she then spoke of "this wonderful day," one of the most wonderful in the history of women. Some of those present had heard Mrs. Pankhurst urge the need for women's enfranchisement, had seen her gathering up her forces, and had responded to the call at once. To these who knew her kindness, her love of humanity, and her tolerance it was not surprising that she should rally women to the Cause from all parts of the world, proud to follow her leadership.

After expressing her gratitude to Mr. Baldwin for securing the extension of the Parliamentary Franchise to women on the same terms as men, paying a warm tribute to the generosity and unselfish work of Mr. Pethick Lawrence for the Suffrage Cause, and emphasising that the Statue of Mrs. Pankhurst which was about to be unveiled would help the younger generation of women to realise when they passed that way what had been achieved for them, she called on Mr. Stanley Baldwin, M.P. (Prime Minister when Equal Suffrage was granted to Women) to unveil the Memorial.

Mr. Baldwin said:—"There is something peculiarly consonant with the English character and English tradition in a ceremony of this nature—a ceremony taking place in the presence of men and women of all Parties to commemorate a woman much of whose life was spent in very bitter political controversy. We are united to-day to dedicate this monument under the very shadow of our Houses of Parliament, and it has fallen to my lot to take part in the ceremony—one who for many years was opposed to the work that Mrs. Pankhurst was doing, but to whose lot it fell in time to put the coping-stone upon her labours. We are too near to that campaign, in which so many of you took part, to judge either of its conduct or of its leaders in the true perspective; posterity will do that for us. But I say with no fear of contradiction that, whatever view posterity may take, Mrs. Pankhurst has won for herself a niche in the Temple of Fame which will last for all time. . . . Mrs. Pankhurst lived to see her work crowned with ultimate success. She had done more in those later days, perhaps,

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