

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, PADDINGTON.

Amongst the great London hospitals none has a better claim to support than St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, which is now making an Extension Appeal for £300,000.

General Sir Hubert Gough, Chairman of the Extension Appeal Council, pleads that the hospital which rendered invaluable services to British and Allied Troops in the War, needs money now badly for its humane services in peace time. How valuable those services were may be estimated from the fact that the King of the Belgians has recently accorded his official patronage to the hospital in recognition of the help given to Belgium during the Great War by supplying it, free of charge, with anti-typhoid protective vaccines.

It will be remembered that in the South African War the British toll of lives from enteric fever was 8,000 men. Had it not been for the discovery of Sir Almroth Wright, Director of the Inoculation Department at St. Mary's

State Registered Nurse. Her Royal Highness is now a Patron of its Nurses' League, and the valued President of the Ladies' Association of the Hospital, while nurses from its Training School are in demand all over the world, which must be a source of gratification and pride to the Matron, Miss M. G. Milne.

The most pressing need of the hospital at the present time is for a new Nurses' Home to accommodate 224 nurses.

We know that purse strings enclose for the most part slender sums nowadays, but if anything could loosen them we think it would be the record of past achievement of St. Mary's Hospital and its present need.

Donations in response to the appeal in the *Optimist* should be sent to General Sir Hubert Gough, Chairman, Extension Appeal Fund, St. Mary's Hospital, London, W.2.

The Minister of Health has issued a memorandum to all County and County Borough Councils drawing attention to the Report on Patients' Waking Hours in London



TESTING THE NEW STOMACH CAMERA AT ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL.

Hospital, of a system of preventive inoculation, the loss from this disease in the Great War on the same basis must have been appalling. The value of research work, in which St. Mary's stands pre-eminent, was never more clearly demonstrated.

Now once more it is to the fore in the invention of a new stomach camera which, when swallowed, takes a complete photograph of the interior of the stomach and is an invaluable aid in diagnosis.

By the courtesy of the editor of the *Optimist*, and of the Valdar Publicity Service, Ltd., we are able to publish the accompanying picture, illustrating this method, which it will readily be seen is of great interest.

On June 30th, H.R.H. the Duchess of York, President of the Hospital, laid the foundation stone of the new Medical School and the new Pathological Institute, so essential if this national work is to be maintained at its full efficiency.

On the nursing side St. Mary's Hospital has a no less distinguished record. It was at this hospital that Princess Arthur of Connaught, R.R.C., S.R.N., Duchess of Fife, received the training which enabled her to qualify as a

Voluntary Hospitals, published by King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, and suggesting that the Councils will no doubt wish to consider the adoption of the recommendations in the administration of their own hospitals.

The principal recommendations in the Report are that, unless there is some exceptional and adequate reason to the contrary, the most suitable hour for the waking of patients is 6 o'clock, and that, whatever the official hour may be, no patient should be washed before having either breakfast or early morning tea.

At the Annual Meeting of the Council of the Fund the Prince of Wales made reference to the Report:—

"The subject has been talked about for years, and the difficulties are well known to all hospital people. A few hospitals have been making experiments. They have certainly brought the question to the front, as is shown by the fact that it was taken up last year, almost simultaneously and quite independently, by three different bodies, each in its own sphere—the British Hospitals Association, the London County Council, and the King's Fund; and the three reports all point more or less to the same conclusion."

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