

## THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

Charing Cross Hospital is fortunate in its officials, a well-known fact recognised by the Chairman, Mr. George Verity, who presided at the annual general court of governors and touched on many items of progress accomplished during the past year. First and foremost, he announced an increase of income of £4,000 during the year. He said the outstanding features of the year were the completion of the new casualty department, the provision of further dressing-rooms, a waiting room, and an additional fully-equipped operating theatre, and the completion and equipment of the main section of the new Nurses' Hostel at Haverstock Hill.

The Report was adopted, and the thanks of the court were accorded to the President (Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll), for her continued interest in the hospital.

The Age of Walnut Exhibition, held at 25, Park Lane, on behalf of the Royal Northern Hospital, has realised a gross amount of £3,324.

The hospital has benefited to the extent of £14,000 by the exhibitions arranged during the past five years.

The Duke of York will preside at the annual general meeting of the British Empire Cancer Campaign on July 11th. At the recent quarterly meeting, the following grants totalling £10,000 were made in furtherance of cancer research:—£500 to St. Mark's Hospital, £2,500 to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, £1,500 to the Cancer Hospital, and £5,500 to the Middlesex Hospital.

Grand Council approved the scheme for co-operation with the nursing services relative to a large-scale circulation of the campaign's official publication, "The Truth About Cancer." Arrangements have been made in collaboration with the committees of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing and the Public Health Section of the College of Nursing for copies of the book to be available for active members of those organisations.

The first man, Mr. A. F. Leslie, of Clapton, to give 40 blood transfusions, was recently presented with a bar to his medal at a social meeting of the Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service in the Holborn Hall. The presentation was made by Sir Arthur Stanley, chairman of the British Red Cross Society. The first woman, Nurse V. E. Smith, of Tooting, to attain 20 blood transfusions was also presented with a bar to her medal.

Sir Arthur Stanley said he thought that they must recognise the social service that these men and women were doing who had volunteered to give their blood, not for the sake of their own kith and kin, but for utter strangers. The value of the work of the Blood Transfusion Service was now recognised by the Medical Research Council, and they had a medical officer at St. Bartholomew's Hospital for testing and classifying prospective volunteers. It was also recognised by many official organisations. Up to the present nearly 10,000 calls had been received.

Evidence concerning a puzzling disease, uniformly fatal, but never discovered before death, was given by a pathologist at the Poplar inquest on Thomas Henry Smith a commercial traveller.

Mr. Smith died while he was being operated upon at Tottenham Hospital for appendicitis. Dr. Temple Grey said that a post-mortem examination revealed that the man was not suffering from appendicitis, but from hæmorrhagic pancreatitis.

The disease was very puzzling to doctors.

As a memorial to "Lewis Carroll" a real "Wonderland" for sick children is to be established at St. Mary's Hospital.

## REVIEWS.

## A MANUAL OF HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY.\*

Sir Leonard Hill has given the student of Physiology a most fascinating treatise in this new and up-to-date edition of his work. The author has filled it with analogies of the "Commonplace" which immediately arrests attention and encourages to read on, as this book is recognised at once as a product of much research and therefore of much value.

The introduction gives an interesting outline of MAN versus EXPERIENCE and the scientific wonders of the 20th century which have been wrought by ambition based on experience.

Physics and Chemistry as applied to the Physiology of Living matter are simply outlined as also are Heat and Energy and the Value of the Calorimeter which one seldom finds in the Physiology book of to-day, Heat loss is explained in detail and the means of preventing heat loss from the body. Life History is built up in a most interesting way from the unicellular organism to the complex structure of the many-celled organism, showing in detail the increase of mechanism manifested in the higher animal. An interesting chapter outlines the practical value of dissection as can be demonstrated in any school of the subject and will stimulate the instinct of curiosity in students.

The supporting structures are simply illustrated and thus their study is made a pleasure, circulation is well detailed, every point of which is explained, and one feels the amount of work that has been expended on this manual can never be estimated.

The more complex structures are so plainly and simply given that a Probationer Nurse would find the treatise of great assistance before her State Examination. The special senses are intensely interesting, as not only the normal but the abnormal condition is dealt with, thus making for a more complete understanding of the subject to the student interested.

A short outline on Death and body changes in relation to it, and a short Appendix with the Metric system and principles of Density, make this book one of the most complete handbooks any student or teacher of the subject could wish to possess, and its value will increase with use.

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**THE MANUAL FOR MENTAL DEFICIENCY NURSES.†**  
By Authority of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association.

The Manual for Mental Deficiency Nurses is an excellent handbook, covering the scope of nursing these cases in any institution.

The opening chapter on the General Qualifications of a nurse would be welcome in any nursing book and certainly has its place here, the special duties of the nurse, and the power extended to her in dealing with everyday difficulties she will meet, are well set forth.

Anatomical and Physiological chapters are briefly but very distinctly outlined and the thickened type impresses important points.

The chapter on reproduction is very plain and is much more interesting than is usual.

The treatise on bandaging and first aid will be invaluable and the emergencies dealt with assist the nurse to be on the alert and ready to cope with them.

Hygiene, often left out in these books, is given its place with elementary dietetics, and we consider both extremely necessary to the mental deficiency nurse.

The Mind and the effect of repression upon it, temporarily

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