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Nurse Cavell with its simple cross, bearing the words "To the pure and holy memory of Edith Cavell." Her Majesty paused at the grave on her way to the Memorial Chapel.

In the Chapel she inspected the Book of Remembrance containing the names of Norfolk's 15,000 sons who fell in the great war.

When with the Lord Lieutenant and Mrs. Colman, Queen Mary arrived at the Hospital to open the

new Nurses' Home, a number of presentations were made to her, amongst them the Chairman, Mr. Geoffrey Colman, the Chairman of the Nursing Committee (Sir Hamilton Ballance), the Senior Physician, the Senior Surgeon, the Matron (Mrs. E.O. Jackson), and the House Governor (Mr. Frank Inch).

She then passed through a corridor lined by members of the Nursing Staff, looking the pink of neatness, in their pretty fresh uniforms, to a large marquee in which over 1,000 people had assembled to see the presentation of purses.

Sembled to see the presentation of purses. Mr. Geoffrey Colman, chairman of the hospital, paid a tribute to those who had helped to raise the funds, and particularly mentioned the British Red Cross and the women's institutes. They had asked for £30,000 for the nurses' home, he said, and over £32,000 had been raised. That achievement enabled him to assure her Majesty that not only the home but the furniture and fittings also could be fully paid for.

The Queen then received purses, to which contributions had been made by almost every village in the county and by every street in the City of Norwich. The ceremony was a long one. Between 400 and 500 purses were individually presented.

When the last purse had been deposited on the Matron's

tray, her Majesty left the marquee to perform the opening ceremony. On her way to the entrance to the new Home she passed through the children's and women's wards and spoke to some of the patients.

The Queen conversed with the blind masseur and blind masseuse who are employed in the hospital, and in whose work she displayed interest.

At the entrance to the new Home her Majesty received a ceremonial key from the architect (Mr. E. T. Boardman) with which she opened the door. A dedicatory prayer was offered by the Bishop of Norwich.

The opening of the new home marked the successful completion of an ambitious scheme of hospital development. At a capital cost of £160,000 the capacity of the institution has been doubled, and its efficiency has been increased in even greater proportion. "The Queen Alexandra Memorial Nurses' Home," which has cost £30,000, is a building of four storeys and contains 170 rooms. It is admirably

equipped and furnished. For the furtherance of nursing education a large lecture room is provided on the ground floor and also a demonstration room and study.

The new Home is adjacent to the fine Leicester Home, with which it is connected by a reinforced concrete bridge, and is designed to harmonise with it. We learn from the beautiful Souvenir and Programme of Proceedings of the Opening Ceremony that the Staff of Nurses has increased from 80 in 1919 to 180 in 1931, and from the Annual Report that the high standard of success in the State Examinations has been maintained, twenty-one nurses taking the Final Examination with only two failures, and that both these nurses have since passed, and that there still continues to be

a steady flow of applications for training from well-educated girls, and that the "waiting list" is always booked up for six or eight months in advance. This is proof not only of the high standard of the training, but also of the happiness of those who enter the Training School of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, and of the excellent domestic arrangements and of their harmonious relations with their senior officers.

From the Annual Report we gather that the three affiliated institutions, the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, the Fletcher Convalescent Home, Cromer, and the Norfolk and Norwich Eye Hospital are most carefully and efficiently managed.

We wish to express sincere appreciation of the courtesy of Mr. Frank Inch, the House Governor and Secretary, who most kindly sent us the beautiful "Souvenir" and.Report, and to whom we are indebted for the loan of the blocks which illustrate this article.

The Duchess of York will perform the opening ceremony of the house of the British College of Obstetricians and Gynæcologists, 58, Queen Anne Street, London, on Monday, December 5th, and will accept an honorary fellowship of the College.

> The Duke of Connaught has consented to become the patron of the Victoria Cottage Hospital, Sidmouth.

> Sir Truby King, Director of Child Welfare for New Zealand from 1921 to 1927, has presented his home on Melrose Heights, Wellington, to the Plunket Society, to be converted into a maternity hospital.

> The Imperial Baby Week Challenge Shield has been won by the State of Western Australia.

The Secretary of State for Scotland has appointed Dr. James Law Brownlie to be Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health for Scotland in succession to the late Dr. John Parlane Kinloch.

The Prince of Wales has consented to attend the Ball in aid of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, which will be held at the Dorchester on November 24th. Decorations will be worn. Princess Beatrice is President of the Committee organising the Ball, and is taking a personal interest in it.



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