

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Prince of Wales visited Oxford on June 30th to open the Wingfield-Morris Orthopædic Hospital at Headington. His Royal Highness arrived outside the town in his own aeroplane and drove to the hospital—where a guard of honour of nurses in uniform was posted—accompanied by the Duke of Marlborough, Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, Sir Montagu Burrows, chairman of the hospital, and Sir William Morris, whose gift of £70,000 had made possible the rebuilding of the hospital.

Amongst those who supported the Prince on the platform were the Mayor of Oxford in his robes, the Mayoress, and Mr. G. R. Girdlestone, hon. surgeon to the hospital. A short service of dedication was conducted on the arrival of His Royal Highness by Bishop Shaw, the Archdeacon of Oxford.

Sir Montagu Burrows presided at the opening ceremony, and Sir William Morris invited the Prince to open the hospital.

of Mr. Girdlestone, to whom the hospital owed so much. Then, in 1930, when the decision was made to rebuild, Sir William Morris came forward, and after hearing the position of affairs undertook in his usual generous spirit to give a sum sufficient for rebuilding the whole hospital. It was not often that the dreams and hopes of a committee materialised in an afternoon, but Sir William's generosity made this dream come true. It was difficult to express to him what all that he had done meant to the staff and patients. As one small attempt to express this appreciation his name would for ever be associated with the Wingfield-Morris Orthopædic Hospital.

After Mr. Girdlestone had expressed the thanks of the Committee to the Prince for his presence, His Royal Highness inspected the hospital and subsequently visited the County Hall, where he saw something of the work of the County Council in co-operation with the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council for the unemployed.

The Prince of Wales gave great pleasure by appearing



H.R.H. the Prince of Wales opens the Wingfield-Morris Orthopædic Hospital at Headington, Oxford.

The Prince, in declaring the new buildings open, said that he was very glad to accept Sir William Morris's invitation to inaugurate the hospital, which was the latest and most up-to-date hospital for its important work of healing in Great Britain. Orthopædics was one of the most promising departments of surgery. What had already been achieved in the treatment of crippled children, who could in most cases be made straight and strong in limb and body, pointed to the possibility of still further progress in that direction.

He was glad to know that though the hospital was mainly for children there was provision also for grown-up persons suffering in the same way, for whose benefit two wards for men and women had been established. Other notable features were the properties of sun and open air, and attention to after-care, so as to ensure that no illness or relapse into deformity took place after a patient's discharge.

The hospital started as a small convalescent home in 1876, and had been fortunate in the devoted and generous support that it had obtained. He would like to mention the generosity of Miss Feilden and the invaluable services

unexpectedly at the children's garden party, which, in fact, was a delightful fair, which, by His Royal Highness's permission, was given in the grounds of Marlborough House on June 28th, for the third year in succession, in aid of the Reconstruction Fund for the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C.

At the recent quarterly meeting of Governors of the London Hospital, it was announced that a scheme for the provision of paying wards had been adopted. The scheme would provide for 35 beds. The total of the quinquennial appeal so far amounted to £34,172.

Sir H. Percy Shepherd, with the approval of his co-trustees, has been able to obtain from his late father's estate a grant of £1,000 for the Princess Elizabeth of York Hospital for Children, Shadwell, E.1. This hospital, which was formerly known as the East London Hospital for Children, has, since it was founded in 1868, treated over 1,400,000 poor children whose homes are in the East-end of London. Further donations towards this much-needed hospital will be gratefully received by the secretary.

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