

VISIT OF THE DUCHESS OF YORK TO THE CROYDON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

The visit of the Duchess of York to Croydon on June 27th to declare open the Extension of the South Wing of the Croydon General Hospital was a notable success, the happiness of the day being increased by the announcement of the gift, at the last moment, of £1,500 from Lieut.-Col. Garwood, which completed the £23,000 required for the new extension, so that it was opened free of debt.

Her Royal Highness was met at the main entrance by the Mayor (Ald. J. Trumble, J.P.), the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey (Lord Ashcombe), the Chairman of the Board of Management of the Hospital (Sir Herbert Brown, K.B.E.), the Bishop of Croydon, and the Town Clerk (Dr. J. M.

to lay the foundation stone of the building which Her Royal Highness was present that day to see.

Sir Herbert concluded a most interesting speech by expressing the thanks of the Board of Management to Mr. Dams, the secretary, who was so well known, to the matron, whom to know was to love, to the doctors and surgeons who gave their services to the hospital, to the sisters and nurses for their labour and service, and to the maids, without whom the work of the hospital could not be carried on. He also expressed thanks to those who had found the money for this extension.

The little daughter of Mr. H. G. Williams, M.P. for South Croydon then presented Her Royal Highness with a gilt key, and the Duchess said: "I am very glad indeed to be here this afternoon to declare open this extension. In four or five years a vast sum has been raised in this locality.

"I would like to congratulate all those who made it possible to complete the scheme on their accomplishment.

"I wish the Hospital all success in its great work and I have now very great pleasure in declaring this new wing open."

After the Bishop of Croydon had offered a dedicatory prayer the Royal visitor walked to the locked door of the south entrance to the Lloyd Ward and unlocked it.

After an extended tour of the hospital and the new wing, including the Nurses' Home, the Duchess took tea on the Fountain Lawn.

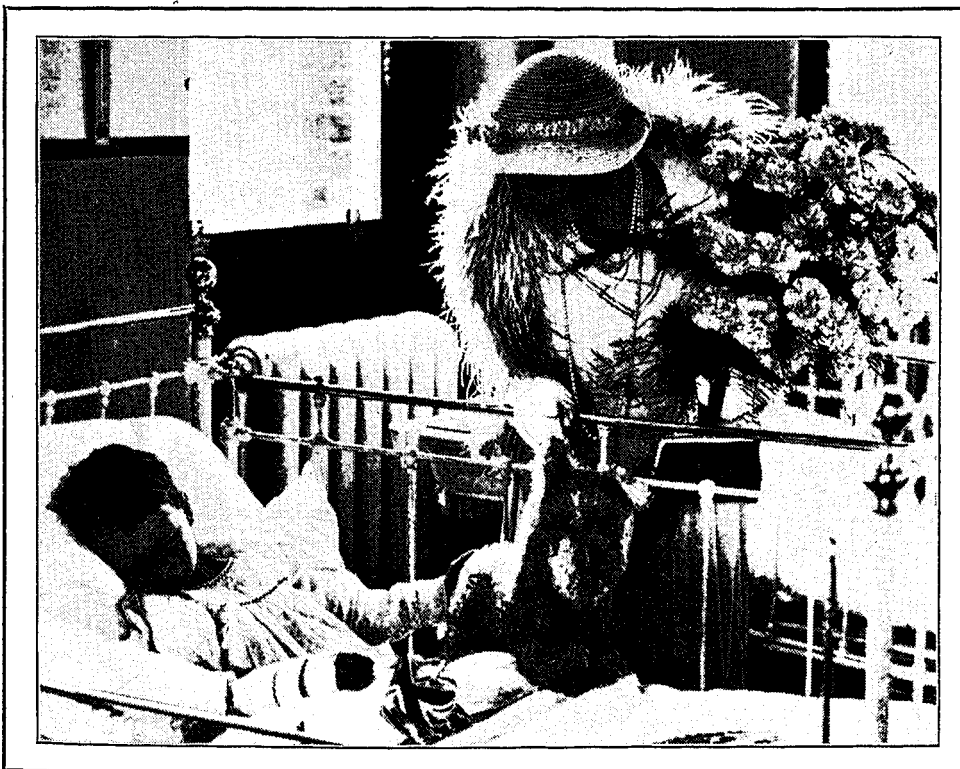
On leaving the Hospital, the Duchess, on the invitation of the Matron, unveiled a window in the Entrance Hall, the inscription on which ran: "The South Wing Extension was opened by Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York, 27th June, 1934."

The ward extensions provide for 61 additional beds, 17 of which will be for paying patients. The addition will bring the total accommodation of the hospital to 191 beds.

There was a great gathering of nurses trained in the Hospital, and the resident staff presented a very trim and charming appearance.

Mrs. Stanley Baldwin, who works so strenuously for the Safer Motherhood Campaign, is, we hear, receiving the financial support which this very humane movement deserves. Mrs. Baldwin recently received from the Corporation of London the sum of £250 as a nucleus for the provision of anaesthetics for poor women in childbirth. We regret that by a printer's error this handsome gift was announced as £250,000. We venture to hope that this sum, which is not at all too much for Mrs. Baldwin's great campaign to rid the world of the false notion that the use of anaesthetics for women in childbirth is injurious, may eventually be attained.

The amount collected by Guy's Hospital students in aid of the funds of the hospital on Wednesday, June 6th, amounted to £828 10s. 5d.



H.R.H. THE DUCHESS OF YORK AND A LITTLE PATIENT AT THE CROYDON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Newnham), and included in the distinguished company assembled in the vestibule to meet the Royal visitor were Ald. W. Peet, J.P. (Chairman of the House and Finance Committee), Mrs. Newnham (Chairman of the Ladies' Committee), Dr. G. Gilbert Genge (Chairman of the Medical Committee), Mr. George H. Dams (House Governor and Secretary), and Miss C. L. Keys-Wells (Matron).

Members of the Nursing Staff provided a guard of honour as the Duchess passed from the hospital building to the Main Lawn on her way to the covered platform on the South Lawn, where she took the central seat on the platform, with the Chairman of the Hospital on her right hand and the Mayor on her left. Before the commencement of the proceedings she was presented by the Matron with a lovely bouquet of pink carnations.

Sir Herbert Brown (the Chairman) then gave a survey of the Hospital and its work, referring to the visit of the King and Queen six or seven years ago to open the out-patients' department, of the visit of Prince George last year

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