

## THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

### THE INFANTS' HOSPITAL.

We have followed with great interest the fortunes of the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W., from its foundation by Sir Robert Mond in 1903, being present at the opening ceremony. It was the first hospital to be solely devoted to the treatment of infants of the necessitous poor suffering from diseases of nutrition and allied disorders, and from the first it was a teaching centre; courses of lectures for nurses being arranged on this little-known subject.

The thirty-second annual report just received is a record of continued progress. On May 30th, 1934, His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent presided at a Festival Dinner at the Guildhall, and the subscriptions announced on that occasion, including those under seven years' agreements, amounted to the very substantial sum of £19,814 0s. 10d. The Building Extension Scheme was completed in the

autumn, and the new and reconstructed buildings were opened by Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal, President of the Hospital, on December 11th. The hospital now contains 100 cots and seven separate rooms for nursing mothers; two Operating Theatre Suites; a Milk Laboratory and Diet Kitchen; a Lecture Theatre; a Pathological Department and Research Laboratory; Departments for X-Ray work, Massage, Light and Electrical Treatment; and, for the treatment of out-patients, rooms and equipment for Ophthalmic, Dental, Ear, Nose and Throat cases, and a Research Clinic for the Deaf.

The Medical Director (Dr. Eric Pritchard, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P.), in his Report to the Committee of Management, states that since the official opening of the new In-patient Department the staff have had the full use of the whole complement of 100 beds.

"Up to that time the working of the In-patient Department was seriously handicapped by the change over from the old order to the new. The Matron (Miss E. W. Littlejohn) and the administration of the Hospital are greatly to be congratulated that the very obvious difficulties of this transitional period were so successfully overcome. There might have been a very considerable falling-off in the number of beds occupied, but so far from this being the case there was a noticeable increase. Of special interest in connection with the Out-patient Department is a new clinic for the diagnosis and treatment of deaf-mutism, under the direction of Mr. Philip Franklin, which has attracted a great deal of interest. This department is

equipped with the very latest instruments for teaching deaf children to hear and to speak. There have been already some interesting and remarkable results."

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During the year a Course, consisting of six lectures, was given by the Medical Director, the Members of the Medical Staff, and other Lecturers, to Nurses, Health Visitors, and others interested in the study of infant life. The Student Probationers in the Hospital also attended these Lectures. Practical Demonstrations in Infant Care by the Matron were given in conjunction with these Lectures.

Courses of Lectures on Medicine and Surgery, Anatomy and Physiology, Theory of Nursing and Hygiene, together with practical demonstrations in the wards and laboratory, are given to the Nurses and Student Probationers by the Medical Staff, the Matron, and the Sister Tutor. For nurses training in general hospitals, and also for Registered Nurses these special courses are extremely valuable.



Hearing through the fingers in the Clinic for the Deaf.

Sick children from the East End of London will soon be able to recuperate on the beautifully wooded estate at Banstead Downs given by Mr. E. W. Meyerstein and Mr. Stanley Garton to the Princess Elizabeth of York Hospital for Children. The present hospital will be used only as a receiving station.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College will begin its new session on October 1, when the departments for the teaching of the pre-clinical subjects will be opened in their new premises in Charterhouse Square. There is to be no official

opening of the new college. The Old Students' dinner will be held on November 5 in the new College hall, when the Prince of Wales (president of the hospital) will be present.

The Medical College Appeal Fund of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., now amounts to £146,602 13s. 7d. (value of building, £20,000). This is a splendid result, especially as Bart.'s men have contributed to the Fund from all over the world most handsomely.

Charing Cross Hospital is recognised as specially the actors' hospital, as many members of this profession take a warm interest in its financial welfare. Recently, Mr. Philip Inman, managing governor, presided over a complimentary luncheon at Charing Cross Hospital to Sir Seymour Hicks. Among those present were many celebrities to be admired behind the footlights.

Seven thousand men and women have already been trained by the St. John Ambulance Brigade in London for duty in the event of air raids.

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