

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

KING EDWARD'S HOSPITAL FUND FOR LONDON.

His Majesty The King, Patron of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, has been pleased to appoint His Royal Highness The Duke of York President of the Fund, the appointment of His Royal Highness having been recommended by the Lord Chancellor, the Prime Minister and the Governor of the Bank of England, in accordance with the Act of Parliament.

H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent has succeeded Princess Victoria as President of Alexandra Rose Day, and we feel sure if she follows the example of the late lovely Queen Alexandra and drives through London she will excite the same interest and admiration and financial support.

The Duchess recently attended a meeting of the Alexandra Day organisers and helpers at the Mansion House, when the Lord Mayor said he hoped they would achieve a record collection to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the movement.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester have sent a donation to the Royal National Orthopædic Hospital, from the proceeds derived from the exhibition of their wedding presents, for a cot, to be known as "Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester Cot." The National Association of Boys' Clubs, of which the Duke is president, has benefited to the extent of £500 from the exhibition.

Miss Florence Ford, of Worthing, who left estate of the value of £27,405, after legacies divided the residue of the property as to one-fourth to the London Hospital "as a testimony of my appreciation of the great work done by the late Lord Knutsford." It is well men's good deeds should live after them.

By command of the King the Cancer Hospital (Free), Fulham Road, S.W., is to be known henceforward as the Royal Cancer Hospital (Free).

The King has become the patron of University College Hospital, thus continuing the patronage the reigning Sovereign has always accorded to the hospital since its foundation in 1833.

It is proposed to build a maternity and gynaecological wing on a site adjoining the National Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road, N.W., and King Edward's Hospital Fund have allocated £2,500 to the cost of building and £500 towards purchasing the site. The wing when erected is expected to be self-supporting, but £100,000 is needed for the cost of the site, equipment and provision of 91 beds.

A donation of £10,000 has been made to the rebuilding fund of St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner, S.W., by Smith's Potato Crisps (1920), Ltd., as a token of loyalty to the memory of King George V, with a suggestion that it should be used to found an industrial health research laboratory. The hospital authorities propose to include a laboratory which will bear the name of the firm, in the new building to be erected at Hyde Park Corner.

The Duchess of Kent, attended by the Lady Mary Hope, visited the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, Euston Road, N.W., on June 9th.

The Bernhard Baron Trust has made a gift of £25,000 for new research laboratories to the Royal College of Surgeons.

THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL FUND.

The Lord Mayor of London has opened a Fund for a national memorial to His late Majesty, King George V. The memorial is to be twofold in character—a statue at Westminster and playing fields, to be known as King George's Fields, throughout the country.

The statue is to be placed opposite the House of Lords. We are still hoping that Parliament Square may also be acquired, and made to blossom like a rose. What a chance for a millionaire!

GRATITUDE OF DUTCH RED CROSS TO BRITISH RED CROSS UNIT IN ETHIOPIA.

The British Red Cross Society has received a letter from the Netherlands Red Cross Society, conveying the thanks of Dr. Winckel, leader of the Dutch Ambulance Unit in Ethiopia, for the services rendered to him by the British Red Cross Ambulance Unit, under the late Dr. Melly.

Dr. Winckel states that on one occasion Dr. Melly arranged for the transport of three of his doctors from Quoram to Dessie, and later he sent an expedition half-way to Dessie to bring three members of the Dutch Unit safely to Addis Ababa. The letter concludes:—

"In consequence of this we should have felt happy to show our gratefulness to Dr. Melly by granting him the well deserved decoration. Now that he found, alas, a premature death in Africa, the Netherlands Red Cross sets so much the more value upon expressing its most sincere thanks to the British Red Cross Society for the above-mentioned help."

Who seeks for Heaven, alone to save his soul;
May keep the path, but will not reach the goal;
While he who walks in love may wander far,
Yet God will bring him where the blessed are.

"LA FRANCAISE DOIT VOTER."

The sixteenth Legislature of the Third Republic opened in Paris on June 1st. According to *The Times* correspondent, as M. Salles, the senior Deputy, neared the close of his speech a sudden murmur rose and grew.

Deputies were no longer facing the Chair, but gazing with horrified, amused, or approving eyes, according to their aptitude for novelty, at the lower public gallery on the extreme right of the Chamber. Here Mlle. Louise Weiss and three of her staunchest supporters in the cause of women suffrage sat demurely, while on the balustrade in front of them had appeared four large posters bearing in brilliant red letters the words "La Francaise doit voter."

A burst of laughter turned into applause. Gradually clapping and cheering spread to nearly every section of the hemicycle. The elderly usher, purple with unaccustomed exercise and professional indignation, climbed unsteadily on to the back bench and tore down the offending posters one by one. He could not quite reach the last one, so Mlle. Weiss obligingly pushed it down to him.

The temporary President's last words were lost in the mirth of Deputies and public.

Shades of Suffragettes in our House of Commons!

M. Blum, the new Premier, lost no time in redeeming his pledges to his countrywomen.

Three women have been appointed to the new Government as Under Secretaries. They are:

Mme. Joliot-Curie, for "scientific research," daughter of the discoverer of radium.

Mme. Suzanne Lacorre, for "child welfare," retired school teacher.

Mme. Brunshwig, for "wards of the nation and war widows," the suffragette leader.

This is the first time any woman has been in a French Government.

Congratulations to all concerned.

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