

## THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The annual meeting of the President and General Council of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London was recently held at St. James's Palace. The Duke of York was in the chair.

It was formally reported to the Council that the King had appointed the Duke of York president of the fund, and had been pleased to become its patron.

The Duke of York read an inspiring message from the King, who has held the office of President for 16 years, who wrote that he would continue to take a close interest in all that concerns the King's Fund in support of which he has increased his subscription to £1,000.

An annual income of £650 will be added from King George's capital gift of £20,000. It was reported that £14,000 had been received from the sale of seats to view the Jubilee Procession.

The stupendous expenditure of hospitals for 1935 amounted to £4,000,000. The number of hospitals with surpluses for the year again exceeded those with deficits.

The Duchess of Kent has succeeded the late Princess Victoria as President of Alexandra Rose Day, and in lovely weather on June 24th drove through London to encourage the hundreds of sellers, paying a special visit to the memorial to Queen Alexandra near Marlborough House. The Duchess was acclaimed with cheers, and it is hoped that a rich harvest will be the result of Rose Day in support of the hospitals.

The Duchess of Gloucester will visit Winchester on July 23rd and will attend a luncheon in the Guildhall before visiting the bicentenary celebration of the Royal Hampshire County Hospital.

The Duke and Duchess of York have agreed to open the Nurses' Home of King's College Hospital on November 4th. At the same time the Duchess of York will receive purses towards the cost of the home. Lord Hambledon has been elected chairman of the committee of management of the hospital in succession to the late Lord Beatty.

Sir W. H. Goschen, Chairman of the London Hospital, is appealing in a letter to *The Times* for £5,000 to complete the amount necessary to establish pay-beds for patients of moderate means.

Two years ago the response to a similar appeal included a magnificent gift of £10,000 from the late Lord Woolavington who gave the hospital £14,000 which, with a further £2,000 promised, it was anticipated would be adequate for the necessary alterations and additions, but it is now found that at least another £5,000 will be required.

Sir William Goschen says that the need is pressing, but because in the conditions which prevail to-day and in accordance with the policy which as chairman of the hospital he feels it his duty to pursue, he does not feel justified in putting the necessary work in hand until the full amount has been obtained. He therefore earnestly pleads for donations so that this work may not be further delayed.

The President and Council of the Medical College of St. Bartholomew's Hospital recently gave a conversazione in the new premises of the Medical College in Charterhouse Square, to which delegates to the University of London centenary and the staffs of all the medical colleges in London were invited. The buildings were open for inspection, and scientific demonstrations were given. The departments

for the teaching of chemistry, physics, biology, pharmacology, physiology, and anatomy have been completely rebuilt, and the whole of the pre-clinical School has now left the site of the Hospital. The college has in the short period of two years collected £175,000 out of the £200,000 which it set out to collect. When the remainder has been assured it is hoped to proceed with the building of the Residential Medical College.

The Board of Governors of Westminster Hospital have accepted the offer of John Laing and Son, Limited, of approximately £350,000 for the site which the hospital has occupied facing Westminster Abbey for the past 100 years. The offer was made subject to a contract to be approved by solicitors on both sides. The purchasers propose to erect an office building on the site.

The site was purchased by the Governors from the Treasury in 1831, for the sum of £6,000. The present offer will not suffice to complete the rebuilding of Westminster Hospital. Of the total cost a sum of £250,000 will still remain to be found. New sites have been secured on either side of St. John's Public Gardens, Horseferry Road, Westminster, and plans prepared for a complete reconstruction of the hospital, its medical school, and nurses' home.

Mr. Laing proposes with the aid of the architects to carry out a scheme which will add much to the beauty of the surroundings of the Abbey.

The treasurers of St. George's Hospital acknowledge the receipt of a donation of £1,000 from Lord Howard de Walden towards the rebuilding fund.

The Westminster Hospital has sustained a great loss by the death of its devoted Chairman, Mr. Kenneth Alfred Wolfe Barry, O.B.E., who served it with devotion in that capacity for the past eight years, having previously been for 16 years a member of the House Committee. He took the keenest interest in the preparation of the plans for the first wing of the new hospital, and new Nurses' Home and Medical School to be rebuilt on the St. John's Garden site. The funeral service took place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and the interment at Brookwood Cemetery.

The progress of the scheme for the rebuilding of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C., was referred to by Lord Leven and Melville, chairman of the hospital, at the annual general Court of Governors. He said that it was hoped that the nurses' home extension would be completed this year; the main hospital block by October, 1938, and the final section, the administration block, by March, 1941. The cost of reconstruction was estimated at about £400,000, of which £100,000 had been contributed.

University College Hospital is introducing a motor-car badge for doctors and surgeons, so that, in an emergency, their cars can be recognised. It is being supplied not only to those on the staff, but to doctors and surgeons who have passed through the hospital and are now in various parts of the country.

We hope this does not mean greater speed on the roads, already death traps for so many. A friend knocked down by a medical woman near Harley Street, who showed little sympathy or concern, was called upon to give her name and address to a policeman.

When she had gone, turning to the injured lady, the man in blue remarked: "Just like 'Arley Street!'"

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