

## HOSPITAL WORLD.

King Edward's Hospital Fund is not only maintaining its ordinary distribution to the hospitals and convalescent homes in the London area at £300,000 for the fourth year in succession, but is celebrating the King's Silver Jubilee by making a special distribution of £120,000. This, with £5,000 for pension grants, makes the total amount to be distributed this year no less than £425,000. The King has expressed his gratification with the success of the Fund.

King Edward's Hospital Fund for London has just issued its Out-patient Time-table at London Voluntary Hospitals within 11 miles of St. Paul's, giving the hours for first attendance of new out-patients.

The Out-Patients Arrangement Committee, of which Dr. H. Morley Fletcher is Chairman, was appointed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to study the Out-patient problem, and the Time-table is published with the object of assisting doctors in their consultative use of Out-Patient Departments, and of assisting patients to shorten the time they are called upon to wait at the hospitals.

Copies of the Time-table can be obtained free on request from Messrs. Geo. Barber and Son, Ltd., Farnival Street, London, E.C.4.

The Duke of Kent has directed that the sum of £6,000 raised for the National Wedding Gift Fund organised by the "Georges" of the country in commemoration of his wedding, shall be handed to the Invalid Children's Aid Association to form a permanent fund to provide holidays for convalescent sick children of the unemployed.

The Prince of Wales recently visited Guy's Hospital, of which he is President, and opened Nuffield House, a new wing which has been added to the hospital for paying patients. The entire cost of the new building has been met by Lord Nuffield, to whose generosity the Prince of Wales paid a tribute, and who, it was announced, has consented to become Treasurer of the Hospital.

The Queen has given to each child at the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea, a special china Jubilee mug as a personal gift.

Sir Gomer Berry, Chairman of the King Edward VII. Hospital, Windsor, and Lord Camrose have each given another £1,000 towards the cost of the nurses' hostel at the hospital. This brings the total amount that Lord Camrose and Sir Gomer have given for this purpose to £21,746, which is the cost of the hostel.

The Prince of Wales gave £5, and the Duke of Connaught £2, to the Matron's Christmas Fund of the Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, Middlesex.

St. George's Hospital has received £746 as its share of the gate money of the Antique Dealers' Fair held at Grosvenor House, Park Lane.

Sir Herbert Austin has given £2,000 to provide a third X-ray apparatus for Birmingham General Hospital, bringing his total benefactions to the hospital to £14,937.

We hear "Barts" Nurses were very disappointed that they were unable to take an active part in the recent Elections. The two members for the City were returned unopposed. The City, of course, stands for solidarity. Why not put up a "Barts" Nurse next time? It would be great fun!

## NURSING EDUCATION IN CHINA.

From Miss Gladys E. Stephenson of the Methodist General Hospital, Hankow, Central China, comes a letter full of interest, in which she writes: "Each summer, after the happy graduation days are over, a class of trained nurses go out to take their places in the world and a new class comes in to begin training.

"In the hot days of August we interviewed and gave an entrance examination to some scores of bright young girls who wished to be nurses. We needed forty—nearly one hundred High School girls applied, about eighteen or twenty years of age. Parents or Aunts or Uncles came with the candidates, and each one was carefully chosen. On September 2nd the new class came streaming in with boxes and baskets of baggage, escorted by many relations. Miss May Chen, one of the head nurses, acted as house mother for them, and helped them to settle in, while I interviewed the parents.

"For two months they have been in the Preliminary School, having lectures each day for several hours on Hygiene, Anatomy, Bacteriology, Materia Medica, Nursing History and Ethics, etc. Between classes came a break when they were divided into three groups. Three of us each took a group, and showed them practical nursing procedures. . . .

"Mr. James Liu came over from the Union Hospital at the other side of the city, each day, to give a lecture on Anatomy and to help with examinations."

Miss Stephenson noted that the Staff Nurses in the wards were sorry their lectures and examinations were over, because they missed the thrill and zest of them, and yet had much to learn. So last year a monthly meeting was started for them, which proved very popular and they discussed such subjects as "Ward Administration," "Serving of Food," "How to teach Health Habits to Patients," "New Methods in Surgical Wards," etc.

In November the head nurses at the Methodist Hospital, who were responsible for the programme, gave a demonstration on Typhoid Fever. They divided into four teams of two each, each working out a different aspect. The laboratory Superintendent, a nurse years ago, prepared cultures and slides, while his partner drew very clear and effective charts of the germs and their lurking places. Two others worked out diagrams of the damage done to the body by the germs, and another team worked out every detail of the nursing care. In the Diet Kitchen, two other nurses prepared dainty trays and worked out a Diet Chart and did sums in calories, etc. Two more thought out the best way to help and interest a patient during the difficult convalescent stage, and there was a most fascinating Chart showing the percentage of recoveries in 100 cases. Dr. Bolton helped them with these statistics, but the nurses made the diagrams.

"When the day came there was much excitement. . . . One nurse took the chair and explained the meaning of the demonstration, and then called on each of them in turn to take the floor.

"The first team fascinated us with the microscopic slides and a description of just how the germs are found in the blood, then came an explanation of the Chart showing where the typhoid germs lurked and how to

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