

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Gloucester, paid a visit to Surbiton on July 28th, to open the new Hospital. She received purses containing a total of £1,050 from 250 children in aid of the building fund. One graceful sprite presented her with a bouquet of exquisite carnations. After opening the hospital, she made a tour of the wards and spoke to several of the first patients, accompanied by Lord Ashcombe, Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, the President, Mr. M. M. Turner, who announced that the hospital had cost £54,000 to build and equip, he also announced a number of gifts, including an anonymous donation of £565. The Matron and Nursing Staff who were in evidence, are to be congratulated upon the beautiful order of the wards and institution.

Thomas Guy's Chest is Empty.

It has long been advertised that "Guy's is on the danger list," meaning the cost of the upkeep far exceeds the available means.

The new Treasurer of Guy's Hospital, Lord Nuffield, has, therefore, issued an appeal for £500,000, to be utilised for the following purposes:—

Enlargement of Nurses Home £80,000 (100 additional nurses).

Additional accommodation for Ward Maids £20,000.

Reconstruction and Equipment of New Dispensary, £10,000.

Children's Ward, furniture, equipment, £5,000.

Reduction of Debt, £165,500.

Rebuilding Surgical Block (now 200 years old) to provide 300 beds.

Reconstruction of Counting House, £2,500.

The appeal has been made public by the issue

of a most artistic and business-like Booklet, on the cover of which appears a reproduction in colour of the original painting, "Thomas Guy Discussing the Plans for his Hospital with Dr. Mead, the Physician, and Mr. Stead, the Architect."

A portrait of His Majesty the King, Patron of the Hospital, in uniform, by Vandyk, is worthy of preservation. Charming little engravings of Guy's Hospital, produced in 1722, of the fine old staircase leading to the Governor's Court Room, in which is preserved Thomas Guy's original iron chest in which he stored the money accumulated for the founding of the Hospital. This treasure chest is empty. The Appeal Committee ask for sympathetic perusal of the brochure, and look forward with confidence to an immediate

replenishment of their treasure chest. We learn with interest that the first Nursing Staff was appointed in May 4th, 1725, comprising one Matron, eleven sisters and eight Nurses.

The present establishment of the Hospital is one Matron, two Assistant Matrons, 499 Sisters and Nurses, all of whom should be housed in the Hospital precincts. Through lack of accommodation, 84 of the Nursing Staff have to be housed outside the Hospital in three different hotels, which adds difficulties to administrative control. An excellent site is available adjoining the Nurses' Home for its extension, with due regard to future requirements.

The appeal for a new Children's Ward, which Department has always been inadequately housed is pressing. Only 14 cots are at present available in the Children's Ward, at least 80 cots are needed as the Children's Out Patients' Department has grown into one of the three largest in the teaching Hospital.

The Booklet notifies the public of the precarious position of the Hospital finances. It is inconceivable that the public will turn a deaf ear to the needs of this historic charity—Barts, Thomas's, Guy's, London's landmarks in the history of the evolution of scientific medicine and of healing. Monuments of the love of Man for Man.

Of course, the half million urgently needed will be forthcoming.

Following the example of his father, King Edward has granted his patronage to the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. A letter from Buckingham Palace intimating the King's decision was read by Sir Robert Philip, chairman of the council, when the association's annual conference was opened recently at County Hall, Westminster.

It was recalled that King Edward VII, when Prince of Wales, held a meeting in Marlborough House at which the association was founded.

The tuberculosis colony at Papworth Hall, Cambridge-shire, was again honoured by Royal visitors on July 23rd, when Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, and the Earl of Athlone showed their keen interest in the work. The Earl of Athlone declared the new surgical hospital open, and Princess Alice afterwards opened the West Cambridge-shire Flower Show, held in the Hall grounds.

Sir Pendrill Varrier-Jones, the director, said that Pap-



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