

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

Sir Charles Gordon Watson presided at the annual dinner of the old students at the new Medical College of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, when Sir Kingsley Wood, Minister of Health, proposing the toast of "The Medical College," said that the new College was designed to resemble a college of one of the older universities. St. Bartholomew's had now become the pioneer of modern medical education in this country. Within three years the major portion of the £200,000 required had been raised, and it was a source of pride that St. Bartholomew's men themselves put up no less than £50,000.

The Chairman made a strong appeal for the erection of a block for paying patients and said that St. Bartholomew's stood almost alone to-day in London in being unable to render service to a paying patient. This placed a great hardship on patient and doctor when patients who demanded to be treated in a paying block in a hospital desired to have the services of a Bartholomew's man. Considerable fortunes had been made in the City during the last few years. Surely there must be a way to attract benefactors of adequate means from the City which the Hospital had served for over 800 years.

We always regret to see the splendid old foundations established by benefactors of old for the sick poor utilised in part for paying patients. At the same time it is certain that those whom Sir Charles Gordon Watson describes as "the impoverished middle classes" cannot afford to bear the full cost of the benefits now made procurable by modern science for the alleviation and cure of disease, and as the burden of taxation falls most heavily on the middle classes it is just that assistance in illness should be extended to them.

Lord Wigram has become President of Westminster Hospital, in succession to the King, who since his Accession has been Patron of the institution.

Continued progress has been made with the building of the new Nurses' Home and the Medical School on the new site overlooking St. John's Gardens. Work is about to be begun on the main wing of the new building.

Mr. Bernard Docker has been unanimously elected by the Board of Governors to the office of chairman of Westminster Hospital, in succession to the late Mr. Kenneth Wolfe Barry. Mr. Bernard Docker has been a very active helper of the hospital since he became a member of the House Committee in January.

Speaking at the formal opening of the clinic established at King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, S.E., by Major the Hon. Oscar Guest, M.P., Dr. G. F. Still, who presided in the absence of Lord Hambleton, said that five and twenty years ago, the idea of a special clinic for diabetic children would have seemed but a grim jest. Diabetes is, and was, uncommon in children, and the outlook in those days for a child with this disease was so black that there would have been but a brief attendance in any such clinic.

With the discovery of insulin the prospect for a child with diabetes changed altogether, becoming bright and hopeful.

The new clinic is in charge of Dr. R. D. Lawrence.

Sir John Priestman, the Sunderland shipbuilder, has offered £50,000 towards the cost of building a new hospital to replace the present Sunderland and Durham County Eye Hospital.

When the Duke of York turned the golden key, presented to him by the architect, Mr. J. B. Nicols, in the lock of the splendid new Infirmary at Aberdeen, on the afternoon of September 23rd, there was an outbreak of cheers from the

great crowd which filled the grounds in front of the building. Throughout the day there had been an air of expectancy. Interest for the crowd which assembled early there was in plenty, in watching the arrival of notable persons. There were special cheers for the nurses who came in detachments, marching four abreast, from the Nurses' Home down the hill to the main entrance, and when the Royal visitors arrived, the Duke in Highland dress, the peak of excitement was reached.

After a number of presentations had been made by Lord Provost Watt, and Mr. Alexander Lyon, Chairman of the Board of Directors, including members of the Medical Staff, the Medical Superintendent, Dr. J. C. Knox and the Matron, Miss Florence E. Kaye, the proceedings were opened with a prayer by the Chaplain of the Infirmary, the Reverend Charles Giles, who besought blessing on the work of healing and research which would in the years that lie ahead be done in the institution, and skill, wisdom, and gentleness to the doctors, surgeons, and nurses that they might "not only heal but bless and shine as lamps of hope in the darkest hours of distress and fear."

The Duke of York in declaring the building open read a gracious message from the King. Referring to the opening of the new Infirmary his Majesty wrote:

"To me, intimately associated as I am with the county, it is a source of deep satisfaction, and I would like to express my gratitude for the generosity of the donors and my congratulations to all those who have helped to bring this great scheme to fruition.

"I recall with pleasure that I laid the foundation stone of the new buildings in 1928, and I shall look forward to visiting the Infirmary later and seeing for myself the work which it is surely destined to perform."

In declaring the buildings open his Royal Highness said "the Duchess of York and I wish the doctors and nurses God speed in their great work of healing."

It was a great day for all concerned.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PURE MILK.

The supreme importance of purity in our milk supply is one which needs no emphasis, but how to secure it is another matter. Those of us who are concerned with providing it for our households know how difficult it is to procure milk which is reasonably pure and palatable, and free from the taint of tuberculosis, and we wonder sometimes whether we are not doing more harm than good in coaxing commercial milk down resisting little throats.

If there is any suspicion that the milk supply is not all that it should be, it is wise to take no chances, but to guard our children by giving them such a milk as Nestlé's which is sealed away from harm in the condenseries in the shires where it is produced. Many thousands of grateful customers testify to its benefits.

TRUE TALE WITH A MORAL.

Crowd watching the Changing of the Guard.

Methodist Parson: "How terrible is this blood lust. What does it mean?"

Old Lady with a basket: "It means romance, chivalry, glamour, glory, England!"

Urchin, close by: "Yus, marm, and don't you forgit as these 'ere chaps is Scots Guards."

Old Lady: "Bright boy."—Hands over bawbees.

Urchin: "I thank you kindly; my little mistake—Guards 'appen to be Irish."—Scoots.

Old Lady: "Ha, ha, how I love these London nippers—never at a loss."

Methodist Parson: "Alas! alas! who is to snatch these irresponsible brands from the burning?"

Old Lady, suiting action to the word: "Salute the Flag and leave it at that."

Crowd guffaws and melts away.

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