

## THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

King Edward's Hospital Fund for London has issued a revised edition of its pamphlet which gives particulars of the provision made for the professional and middle classes at Voluntary Hospitals in London. The total number of beds is now 1,997 at 108 hospitals. It is emphasised that the increase in the number of pay beds is in addition to an extension of the accommodation for patients in the ordinary wards of the hospitals. Copies may be obtained from Messrs. Geo. Barber & Son, Ltd., Furnival Street, E.C.4, price 3d. post free.

Sir Gordon Campbell, chairman of the Smithfield Benevolent Fund Committee, has handed to Lord Stanmore, Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, a cheque for £10,000 which had been raised to establish visitors' rest rooms and a canteen. The presentation was made at a luncheon at the hospital.

Lady Howard de Walden announces that the Queen Charlotte's Hospital film-première ball on December 18th cleared £1,518 12s. 1d. net.

An opportunity of enjoying an event of outstanding musical interest and at the same time assisting the best of causes, namely to help to rebuild England's premier maternity hospital—Queen Charlotte's Hospital—the object being to save and guard the lives of mothers and children, is afforded by the Celebrity Concert at Queen's Hall on May 25th, when three of the greatest international artistes in the world, Lotte Lehmann, Garbousova and Rubinstein, will appear. They are coming to England specially for this occasion.

The Chairman of the Grand Committee is Lady Howard de Walden, and tickets, varying in price from 3 guineas to 8s. 6d., may be obtained from W. S. Leslie, Esq., Queen Charlotte's Hospital, 29, Dorset Square, London, N.W.1.

An anonymous donor has given a further gift of £12,000 for the pay bed block for patients of moderate means now in course of erection at St. Mary's Hospital, W.2. The gift will enable the fourth floor to be completed, and increase the number of available beds from 50 to 66.

The benefactions made by this anonymous donor towards the extension fund of the hospital during the past two years now amount to over £107,000.

At a meeting of the Quarterly Board of Governors of Westminster Hospital, held on February 25th, the Board accepted with very deep regret the resignation of Mr. Edward H. Hoare from the office of Treasurer and elected Mr. H. P. Rennie Hoare as joint Treasurer with Mr. W. M. Goodenough.

The Building Committee reported that the new Nurses' Home would accommodate a nursing staff of 250, and a domestic staff of 50, with the necessary kitchens, dining-rooms, library, recreation rooms, and a boiler house to serve the whole of the new hospital. The general design both in structure and equipment has been most carefully studied to ensure the comfort and well-being of the nurses, efficient working, and economy in maintenance costs.

The Building Committee is now proceeding to consider in detail the planning of the main hospital building, which will face the Nurses' Home and Medical School on the other side of St. John's Public Gardens, Horseferry Road, Westminster.

The Board of Governors was informed that total donations and promises towards the rebuilding of Westminster Hospital amounted on December 31st, 1935, to £178,037, and during the past three months a promise has been

received from King Edward's Hospital Fund of £11,000, and of £1,250 from other donors. £25,000 is required before the new Medical School building can be completed.

Charing Cross Hospital, and the hospital world at large, has suffered a severe loss by the death of its much esteemed Chairman, Mr. George Herbert Verity, M.I.E.E., who has guided the destinies of the hospital since 1907. Mr. Verity courageously accepted this responsibility when the position of the hospital was very critical, half the wards were closed, and most of the equipment was derelict. Mr. Philip Inman, Managing Governor of the hospital, writes that at that period, "many a time there had not been sufficient money in the bank to pay the wages at the end of the week. With a superhuman will and facile pen Mr. Verity set to work. As a venture of faith he re-opened almost immediately some of the closed wards. He reorganised and renovated the whole building until from roof to basement it was thoroughly equipped and in efficient working order."

Mr. Verity was a great Chairman, not least because he refused to allow the hospital to be in debt, and by his strenuous work kept it in efficient condition.

At the Annual Meeting of the Hostel of St. Luke, Fitzroy Square, W., held in the Great Hall of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Bishop Paget presiding, an appeal was made to diocesan boards, church councils and the laity for increased financial support. The Hostel is the only nursing home available solely for the Clergy of the Church of England and their families.

The Treasurers of St. George's Hospital have received a donation of £1,000 from Viscount Bearsted towards the Rebuilding and Endowment Fund of the hospital.

Mr. Archer Herbert Wilson, M.B., B.Ch., of Bourton, Dorset, late of the West African Colonial Medical Service, left £20,000 to St. George's Hospital, and the proceeds of sale of his residence, Crossways, and £500 to St. George's Hospital towards the reconstruction or for general purposes.

Sir William H. Goschen, Chairman of the London Hospital, makes alone a fortnightly tour of the wards, his object being to give the patients an opportunity of speaking direct to the administrative head of the hospital.

A woman, whose name has not been disclosed, handed in at East Ham Memorial Hospital an envelope containing a cheque for £500, in memory of her husband and in appreciation of the care bestowed on him as a patient in the hospital.

A bequest of £20,000 to the City Infirmary, Perth, Scotland, the ancestral home of her family, is contained in the will of Miss Jane Chalmers, of Ashburton, New Zealand. The money, it is specified, is to be devoted to the building and endowment of a wing or ward.

Dr. Adam, the head of the Bavarian Red Cross, has issued an order forbidding Jewish doctors to work in Red Cross Hospitals. This will affect Jewish members of the medical profession very seriously, as the great majority of public hospitals in Bavaria are Red Cross institutions.

### COMMUNE WITH NATURE.

If thou art worn and hard beset  
With sorrows that thou would'st forget,  
If thou would read a lesson that will keep  
Thy heart from fainting and thy soul from sleep—  
Go to the woods and hills! No tears  
Dim the sweet look that Nature bears.

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