

## THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

We have received a very interesting communication from the Commemoration Gardens Trust, which has acquired the beautiful Erlestoke Park Estate in Wiltshire. Many acres of the garden are devoted to raising flowers to be sent to hospitals for the solace of the sick free of charge. This year some 150 boxes have been sent to the most needy hospitals—next year it is hoped to send 10,000.

The beautiful mansion on the estate is in the hands of the Trust and is used for guests and visitors, and it is suggested that if financial support is forthcoming it should be used for a Country Holiday Centre for Nurses at work in Voluntary Hospitals—free of cost. The situation of the house is in a most lovely area, commanding extensive views; the air fine and bracing. The picturesque church is at the Park gates, and in the park are beautiful lakes. All this sounds ideal as a holiday centre and we wish the supporters of *Flowers for the Sick* and the Trustees of the *Commemoration Gardens* all success in their suggested scheme of happiness for nurses.

The Duchess of Gloucester has consented to open the new Beecham Laboratories for Pathological, Bacteriological, and Pharmaceutical Investigation at the Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway, on Tuesday, October 26th, at 3 o'clock.

Princess Beatrice recently opened a new men's ward named after her and two recovery wards at the Royal Isle of Wight County Hospital at Ryde.

Two lectures on flowers will be given at the Speaker's House, Westminster, at 4 o'clock on October 27 and 28, in aid of Westminster Hospital Linen Guild. Tickets can be obtained from the hon. secretary, Miss FitzRoy, Speaker's House.

A further step towards the reduction of waiting in out-patient departments has been taken by the Out-patient Arrangements Committee of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, by the issue of a memorandum on time-saving methods in connection with arrival and registration of out-patients, with notes on other early items of procedure. A previous memorandum dealt with hospital out-patient dispensaries.

The report of the Out-patient Arrangements Committee, of which Dr. Morley Fletcher is chairman, states that very much has been and can be done by hospitals to reduce waiting by shortening the interval between the time when patients arrive and the time when they see the doctor. It describes a system based on the latest improvements in such matters as the number and design of the forms; their use at the registry, at the various departments and at the dispensary; and indexing and filing; and gives a

list of salient points in a form intended to be of use to a hospital reviewing its procedure.

Copies may be obtained from the publishers, Messrs. Geo. Barber & Son, price 1½d. net post free.

The donation of £80,000 made by Mr. Harry Oakes to the treasurers of St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner, brings the total of the Rebuilding Fund to £302,392, and will enable the rebuilding to be carried out in two sections instead of three, as was originally planned.

Those of us who love fresh air and detest noise, deplore the rebuilding of St. George's Hospital on its present site, but it is stated no alternative site could be obtained, and no sufficient offer has been made for the existing site. A future generation will doubtless settle the hospital question to its own satisfaction.

In the meantime it is hoped in the new St. George's Hospital to provide all that modern knowledge has shown

to be necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of all illnesses, and it is intended that there should be four new clinics—dietetic, psychiatric, fracture and orthopaedic, and obstetric. Great importance is attached to the establishment of a psychiatric clinic as the provision of adequate psychiatric treatment for the many thousands of patients needing it is almost entirely lacking in the great teaching hospitals.

Mr. Oakes is a Canadian.

The research committee of the Liverpool Heart Hospital has issued an appeal for £10,000 for a special laboratory in which to carry on

research work on high blood pressure. The aim is to find a cure and to apply important results already attained by the hospital.

Worry, overwork, and overstrain in sport have already been established as causes of high blood pressure. Dr. Harris, who recently published the results of research work at the Heart Hospital, stated recently that the object of the work was to teach the person whose bodily functions were normal how to go on living so as not to damage his heart. Provided a man lived according to plan there need be no limit to the amount of energy expended in work or play.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain has accepted the office of chairmanship of the Court of Governors of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, which incorporates the Ross Institute.

Through the generosity of Mr. E. W. Meyerstein, a dental research laboratory is to be established and opened this year at St. Mary's Hospital, London. The laboratory will be known as the Meyerstein Dental Research Laboratory.



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