

litigation. The risk is present, nevertheless, and it is probably an increasing risk. It makes all the difference in the world to the surgeon if he knows himself to be protected against the anxieties of unexpected claims and the burdens of unfathomable verdicts, and the nurse needs the like relief from these worries. She will obtain such relief only if she gives serious consideration to some system of professional insurance.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The funds of Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital benefited to the extent of £2,237 19s. by the sale of Works of art at Sotheby's.

As expected, the chief interest of the day lay in the auction fate of the gifts made by the Queen and Queen Mary. Lady Waddilove had the distinction of winning both.

For the Queen's pair of Louis Seize vase-shaped cassonettes of white marble and ormolu she gave £105, and Queen Mary's Italian 16th-century needlework panel, woven with the subject of "Jonah being cast into the sea," realised £155.

Westminster Hospital has received £1,000 from the estate of Miss Julia Lindley to build and equip an additional Cancer Research Laboratory which is to bear the name of the donor.

This is the second gift of £1,000 received lately for the cancer department of the new Westminster Hospital, now being erected at St. John's Garden, Horseferry Road, Westminster.

The work at present carried on at the radium and X-ray annexe in Hampstead will be transferred next year. The department, which is now using six grammes of radium in two "bombs," will be one of the largest and best equipped in a general hospital.

The Sports Committee of the Croydon General Hospital have once again been fortunate enough to win 1st prize for the best Tableaux in the procession of decorated lorries at the annual Croydon Carnival, namely "The Streets of Adventure," in aid of the Hospital, on Wednesday, June 15th.

In so doing, the Chatty Cup returns to its resting place in the Hospital for yet another year; it was previously held in 1936.

The tableaux demonstrated the internal workings of many departments—namely, In-patients, Out-patients, Casualty, Massage and representatives of the Nursing staff.

A streak of humour was in attendance throughout the afternoon.

June 26th was Hospital Sunday, when collections were made in places of worship on behalf of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund and a reminder concerning which was issued from the Mansion House by the Lord Mayor.

Extensions to East Ham Memorial Hospital costing £30,000 have been approved.

The Town Council will grant £15,000 for the erection of a maternity ward and Lord Bethell, the president, has promised £7,500 towards the cost of a children's ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Houghton, of Stoke-on-Trent, have given £25,000 to the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary for the erection of a medical building with ancillary services.

Southend Council has decided to spend £409,000 on the extension of the municipal hospital at Rochford which is so overcrowded that children have to be put in adult wards and tubercular patients in surgical wards.

THE GENERAL HOSPITAL, BARBADOS.

THE NIGHTINGALE NURSES' HOME OPENED.

His Excellency the Acting Governor, the Hon. G. D. Owen, G.M.C., recently opened the completed Nightingale Nurses' Home of the Barbados General Hospital, which bears its name in commemoration of the two benefactors the late Davis Keith Nightingale and his sister Annie Davis Nightingale, of Barbados.

The opening ceremony was performed in the presence of a very representative gathering.

The nurses in their immaculate uniform formed an avenue on either side of the walk and on arrival His Excellency and Mrs. Owen were received by the Lord Bishop of Barbados (in the absence of the Chairman) and by the Matron, Miss P. Stuart.

The Bishop gave a brief history of the building of the Home which will accommodate 105 nurses and to whose well being and comfort great consideration has been devoted on behalf of the Hospital Board. The Bishop expressed sincere thanks for the attendance of His Excellency the Acting Governor and Mrs. Owen and invited him to turn the key and declare the Hostel open.

Before inserting the key His Excellency congratulated the Chairman and Board of Directors on the successful result of their work in connection with the establishment of the Home, which had of course taken the name of the generous benefactors, the "Nightingale Home." The Bishop then asked God's blessing on the building, saying: "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen. Peace be unto this house and to all who at any time dwell therein."

Led by His Excellency, the gathering proceeded to inspect the spacious and well-appointed building, beautifully designed with every reasonable comfort.

INSCRIPTION.

In the wall of the drawing-room is a brick, beneath which a brass plate carries the following legend:—

**This Brick from
No. 10, South Street, London,
the Home of
Miss Florence Nightingale, O.M.
1865—1910,
was presented to
The General Hospital, Barbados,
by
The President and Council of the
British College of Nurses.**

On the slate in the reception room, which is anterior to the above mentioned room, is a memorial to the benefactors, the late David Keith Nightingale and his sister Annie Davis Nightingale. We learn that the deepest interest was aroused amongst the visitors present at the opening ceremony in the "Florence Nightingale brick," and that the nursing staff are unanimous in their appreciation of the tangible association with the great lady who throughout the world is recognised as a supreme teacher of human morality and duty.

Miss E. Hudson, who requisitioned the "Brick," from the British College of Nurses, found that she could not get the brass plate engraved in the island as such work could not be done there. With her usual energy she therefore sent the inscription home to Miss McLoughlin, who, of course, accomplished the commission just in time to return it for the opening ceremony.

Miss E. Hudson writes from Barbados: "Will you please convey to the President and Council my very grateful thanks for their kindness in presenting one of the Florence Nightingale Bricks to the new Nurses' Home at the Barbados General Hospital, it is an honour which I do assure you is very very much appreciated."

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