

## THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

At the recent quarterly meeting of the Court of Governors of the London Hospital, presided over by Captain J. C. Mann, the house committee reported in connection with the bi-centenary and quinquennial appeal that towards the appeal for £325,100 there had been received, in cash or promises, £63,662, and progress was being made with certain of the schemes of reconstruction.

The committee further reported that they had decided to fit up a room with couches where friends and relatives of patients who were dangerously ill could spend the night in comfort.

In regard to infantile paralysis, the report pointed out that there are two types of "iron lung" apparatus, the Drinker and the Bragg Paul. The former they had had for many years and the latter had been recently purchased. They had lately lent the apparatus to other institutions and individuals.

Mr. J. D. C. Couper, Vice-chairman of the Building Committee of Westminster Hospital, was able to report good progress to the Governors at their recent quarterly board meeting. The roof of the main hospital is now complete, and work on the windows installed to the fourth floor. It is anticipated that it will be possible to transfer the hospital services to the new building by the end of March, 1939.

The hospital has been fortunate in receiving many valuable gifts. A new friend has undertaken to defray the entire cost of piping the building for the supply of oxygen to the bedsides and to the theatres. This will necessarily be costly, but considerable economy should result to the hospital in the maintenance of this pipe service.

It is proposed to transfer to the chapel on the roof of the new building the stained glass windows from the old chapel, and the organ presented by Colonel F. R. W. Sibthorpe in the year of Queen Victoria's first Jubilee.

Mr. H. P. Rennie Hoare, joint Treasurer of the hospital, stated that the rebuilding fund stood at £307,910, of which £54,243 was earmarked for the medical school. Since the last quarterly meeting of the board, £4,442 had been received, which included £2,000 from the James Henry Stephens' bequest, £600 from Sir George Tilley, Chairman of the Medical School Rebuilding Committee, and £1,000 from the estate of Miss J. Lindley to name a research laboratory in the school.

When the Westminster Hospital vacates the site in Broad Sanctuary where it has stood for over 100 years, and it moves to the new hospital in Horseferry Road, the site will be occupied by a block of flats. Already the nursing staff has moved to the new Home, opened by Queen Mary on March 1st, and the School of Medicine is functioning in the new building opened by the Earl of Athlone last May.

Features of the new hospital will be that it will be protected against attack from the air by a roof several feet thick, and the three lower floors are to be air-conditioned as a protection against gas.

The library of the Royal Waterloo Hospital (London) has received, as a personal gift from the governors, a copy of "Post-Graduate Surgery," the monumental work edited by Mr. Rodney Maingot, senior surgeon of the hospital.

Practically every major operation known to modern surgery is described in the work, which is illustrated by 3,000 photographs and engravings. Compositors setting up the type are said to have handled a ton of metal.

## NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

"Go ye into all the world." This text stood at the top of the programme of the Valedictory Meetings of the Nurses' Missionary League at the Caxton Hall on October 4th. It was well exemplified in the list of 13 sailing members, three of whom are going to posts in China; three to India, East, West and South; four to Africa, again East, West and South; one to Jerusalem; one to Iran; and one to Labrador. Messages from several of these members were given either personally or by letter during the day. Further exemplification of the text was given in the addresses: one on district work in London showed that "the world" includes the home-land; one by a surgeon from S. India showed the vast field of usefulness among India's villagers; three dealt with the war-worn land of China, one by Miss Sparkes from Siaokan, one by Miss Taylor, who has worked in Shanghai throughout the troubles, and one by Mr. Chang, himself a Chinese clergyman, who made a stirring appeal for his own land.

Throughout the day, a feeling of intensely solemn relief was noticeable—relief for peace. Surely few people can feel this more deeply than nurses, to whom war would have brought such complete dislocation of life and such arduous work. In a brief report, Miss Richardson mentioned that she had received some "Thank offerings for Peace." The League stands for those principles of Christian love and fellowship without which no peace can be lasting.

## The British Red Cross Society's Need of Recruits.

The British Red Cross Society is urgently in need of recruits for the various branches of its work. All those wishing to serve should apply to the local branch of the Society. The addresses of the Branches can be obtained from the British Red Cross Society Headquarters, 14, Grosvenor Crescent, London, S.W.1.

## Nursing Inquiry Ends in Scotland.

The inquiry which the Departmental Committee on Nursing has been making into the recruitment and terms and conditions of service of nurses in Scotland is now completed.

The final meeting has been held, and the Committee has reached agreement on the recommendations to be made. The report, which will be unanimous, will be published in the next few weeks.

## The Chemists' Exhibition.

Amongst the many new inventions shown at the recent Chemists' Exhibition at the Albert Hall, opened by Mr. Thomas Guthrie, President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, was a machine known as a Tintometer, which measures, by infinitely delicate degrees in colour, such assorted things as the presence or absence of vitamin A in foods; copper contamination in lipstick; the presence and quantity of toxic gases in the air; the precise standard of colour in face powder; the purity of water, and whether or not a glass of milk has been properly pasteurised.

Another interesting discovery is a method of retaining the radio-activity of mineral water in bottling, making it possible to take a spa cure at home.

## The Scientific Treatment of Delinquency.

The Institute for the Scientific Treatment of Delinquency has arranged its Fifth Annual Course of Seminars for Probationer Officers and social workers on various aspects of delinquency which will be given on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m., commencing on October 20th, at 8, Portman Street, London, W.1. Intending students should apply to the General Secretary, A.S.T.D., 8, Portman Street, W.1.

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