

## HOSPITAL MEETINGS.

### FRIEDENHEIM HOSPITAL (HOME OF PEACE FOR THE DYING), SWISS COTTAGE, N.W.

THE annual meeting of Friedenheim Hospital, Swiss Cottage, N.W., took place last Saturday in the adjoining lecture hall of the School for the Blind, and was well attended. The chair was taken by the Mayor of Hampstead (Dr. Collingwood Andrews), and the reports showed that during the last year 150 patients had been admitted, and that the number of beds and cots in the hospital was now increased to 48. Owing chiefly to an erroneous report having been circulated that Friedenheim had received a large legacy, the financial condition of the hospital left much to be desired. There was a debt of £1,100 on the building fund, and a deficit of £55 15s. 11d. on the general fund.

The Mayor, in proposing the adoption of the reports, expressed his profound conviction of the need of such a home, where the dying received spiritual as well as material aid. He spoke highly of the admirable arrangements of the institution, and the spirit in which it was managed, drawing particular attention to the devotion of Miss Davidson, the foundress and hon. superintendent.

Mr. J. E. Mathieson seconded the resolution, which was then carried.

Mr. John Langton, in proposing the election of two new members of the Council, Mr. C. Earl and Dr. Clark Wilson, remarked that Friedenheim does not enter into competition with poor-law infirmaries, but is intended for a different class of persons. The cases received were chiefly cancer and consumption.

This resolution having been adopted, and a vote of thanks accorded to the medical staff, Dr. Lush, in moving a vote of thanks to the chartered accountants, spoke of some of the cases in the hospital, and said that there was not always sadness at Friedenheim, and that very few children die there.

Dr. Schofield, in seconding the last resolution, which was carried unanimously, appealed for drawing-room meetings as a means of helping the institution.

A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman then terminated the proceedings.

WE have been requested by the council of the Friedenheim Hospital to correct an erroneous report to which considerable publicity has apparently been given during the past months. The hospital, the council state, unfortunately has not recently received a large legacy, as has been stated, and its many friends who have written congratulations are assured that their support is still as greatly needed as ever.

## EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

[Our Correspondents are reminded that prolixity is a great bar to publication, and that brevity of style and conciseness of statement greatly facilitate early insertion.]

### THE ROYAL ORTHOPÆDIC HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of THE HOSPITAL.

SIR,—I am instructed by the Committee of the Royal Orthopædic Hospital to inform you with reference to the circular issued by the secretary of the City Orthopædic Hospital, dated January 14th, 1904, that the statement contained in that circular to the effect that the Royal Orthopædic Hospital has ceased to exist, is entirely untrue. As you have been informed, the Royal Orthopædic Hospital is

amalgamating with the National Orthopædic Hospital under the sanction and with the strong approval of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.

Arrangements have been made for the erection of a new building in which the work of the combined institution will be carried on under one management. In the meantime the work of the Royal Orthopædic Hospital is being carried on in temporary premises at 55 Bolsover Street, W., where both in-patients and out-patients continue to be received.

So far as my Committee can learn, not one patient of the Royal Orthopædic Hospital has gone to the City Orthopædic Hospital, and the suggestion that the amalgamation has in any way increased the work of the City Orthopædic Hospital is without foundation.

Your obedient servant,

TATE S. MANSFORD, Secretary.

Royal Orthopædic Hospital, 55 Bolsover Street, W.

### EARLSWOOD ASYLUM.

To the Editor of THE HOSPITAL.

SIR,—More than fifty years ago the need of an institution to provide for idiot and imbecile children was keenly felt, with the result that the asylum at Earlswood was founded. Since then the institution has been open to the children of all classes: the rich have been enabled to pay for that efficient care and proper tuition which only such an asylum can provide, and the poor have been relieved of a burden which weighs heavily on a hard-worked woman—the charge of a useless, perhaps noisy, uncleanly, or mischievous child. The incubus becomes even greater when the child is also an epileptic, when the scenes witnessed by the other children in the home are very demoralising. The founders of the asylum were the pioneers in this work, and a great want has been supplied. To curtail the numbers of the inmates—nearly 500—would be to inflict a great social, one could fairly say a national, injury.

Now, however, a crisis has occurred in the history of the asylum, owing to considerable structural defects which call for immediate attention. These, as in the case of other similar institutions, are the result of faulty work in the erection of the original buildings, in times when the supervision of local authorities was not as it is now. The asylum stands upon the Wealden clay. Practically no foundation was provided, and the walls were filled with rubbish; hence, owing to successive wet seasons, the whole building began to subside with the result that the walls cracked. Eminent architects were at once summoned, and they insisted that, for the safety of the inmates, the repairs should be immediately taken in hand, at an estimated cost of £30,000.

The funds available for these necessary operations are practically exhausted, so that, unless immediate substantial help is forthcoming, the progress of the work must be stopped. In this case the committee will have to do what they can to make the buildings secure for the approaching winter, and the cost of resuming the work next year will be greatly increased—for it must be done. Already a sum of £12,000 has been spent, and the labour bill is still £300 a week. No legal redress is possible after such a lapse of time.

The asylum had been placed in a position of comparative financial security, but now all available securities have been sold, and the institution is heavily in debt to the bankers. The public must at times experience difficulty in deciding which charitable institutions to select for their beneficence, but surely no eloquent voice is needed to plead for those who cannot plead for themselves. As the institution is open to all classes, and as no question is raised as to denomination, or even nationality, the committee have confidence in appealing to the public in general.



No one can deny that the immediate good done by the asylum in the past has been great; and it is difficult to estimate the potential good done to the community at large in fostering any germs of intelligence that may be found in the patients, with the result that many children who were worse than useless at home have been returned in the course of a few years to prove a comfort to the family, and even to become breadwinners.

Your faithful servants,

C. O. P. HULL, J.P., C.C., Chairman;

C. HOLMAN, M.D.,

Member of Board of Management;

H. HOWARD, Secretary.

36 King William Street, E.C.

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### THE NEW SANATORIUM AT HEATHERSIDE.

To the Editor of THE HOSPITAL.

SIR,—I have read with interest your account of our Sanatorium at Heatherside in your last issue. I note you mention that the sanatorium is for 88 patients. I thought you would like me to mention that it is for 100.

Yours faithfully,

EDWIN T. KALE.

[... Our estimate of 88 beds erred owing to our having overlooked the intention to utilise as three-bedded wards the two compartments on either side of the day-room. In our opinion these rooms are ill-suited for phthisical patients, owing to their cramped situation and the absence of perfect ventilation.—ED. HOSPITAL.]

### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

Edmund C. Bevers, M.A., M.B., B.Ch.Oxon., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Honorary Assistant Surgeon to the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford. J. M. Bryan, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Public Vaccinator St. Giles's and St. Andrew's Districts of the Northampton Union. Austin Cooper, B.A., M.D., B.Ch., Honorary Assistant Anaesthetist to St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Leicester Square. W. T. Crawford, M.B., Medical Officer to the Workshop Union Infirmary. Henry J. Davis, M.A.Cantab., etc.,

### Notice of Legacies.

**WILLIAM JOHN FOX deceased.**  
**ALICE FOX deceased.**

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WILLIAM JOHN FOX by his Will bequeathed £200 to "THE METROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' CLUB" and £200 to "THE METROPOLITAN POLICE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' ASYLUM."

ALICE FOX by her Will bequeathed £250 to "THE FIREMEN'S METROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADE AND WIDOWS' CLUB" and £250 to "THE METROPOLITAN POLICE AND ORPHAN ASYLUM."

ALL CLAIMANTS to the above Legacies should communicate with the undersigned on or before the 18th day of July next, after which date the Executors will proceed to deal with the said Legacies in such manner as they may be advised.

Dated this 16th day of June, 1904.

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M.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Physician in charge of the Throat and Ear Department, West London Hospital. F. R. Eddison, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Medical Officer of Health, Bedale Rural District. Robert Fielding-Ould, M.A., M.D.Oxon., Pathologist to the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest. K. Fraser, M.B., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Orrell District, Lancaster. H. Overton Hobson, M.D., Egyptian Government Inspector to the Baths and Springs, Helouan, Egypt. G. S. Leslie, M.B., C.M.Edin., Medical Officer of Health to the Falls-worth Urban District. F. H. McCaughey, M.B., B.S.R.U.I., Resident Assistant Medical Officer to the Bradford Union Workhouse. J. S. McCracken, M.B., C.M.Edin., Honorary Physician to the Hospital for Sick Children, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. W. M. Montgomery, M.B., D.P.H.Camb., District Medical Officer of Health for the Eastern Transvaal. D. Moodie, L.R.C.P.&S.Edin., L.F.P.S.Glasg., District Medical Officer of the Durham Union. R. G. Nesbitt, L.R.C.P. & S.I., Medical Officer of Health to St. Just District Council. T. Richards, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.Eng., District Medical Officer of the Cardiff Union. George Wm. Thompson, M.B., C.M.Edin., F.R.C.S.Eng., Surgeon to the Western Ophthalmic Hospital, Marylebone Road. J. R. Hall Walker, M.D.Edin., Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Fourth District of the Risbridge Union. R. M. Williams, M.B., District Medical Officer of the Bangor and Beaumaris Union. W. I. de Courcy Wheeler, Visiting Surgeon to Mercer's Hospital, Dublin. J. Hamilton Wilkes, L.D.S., R.C.S., Honorary Dental Surgeon to St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Leicester Square.

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