

up to modern requirements. A sub-committee of the Board of Management was therefore appointed to consider what steps should be taken to remedy these defects, with instructions to confine their recommendations to alterations which would increase the efficiency of the Hospital without adding materially to the cost of maintenance.

When this scheme of alterations had been carefully thought out, it was placed before a special general meeting of the Governors of the Hospital, who considered that to carry it out would be the most suitable way to celebrate the Jubilee of the Institution. The Governors were fortunate in enlisting the sympathy of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany, who accepted the chairmanship of the Jubilee Committee and who has worked for the cause with an energy and devotion for which the Governors can never be sufficiently grateful.

Her Royal Highness, in making her appeal, has specially emphasised the national character of the work of the Hospital which is carried on for the benefit of sufferers from nervous diseases in all parts of Your Majesty's broad dominions, and I am glad to say the appeal has been responded to in the spirit in which it was made. The Buildings which Your Majesty is now asked to declare open, together with a Reserve Fund of £10,000, are the results.

*Frederick Macmillan,*

Chairman of the Board of Management.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following gracious Answer:—

"I desire to thank you heartily for your loyal Address of welcome, and to assure you that it gives Me the highest pleasure to open the Jubilee Extension Buildings of this great Hospital, which is associated with the memory of My dear brother, in which My dear sister-in-law, the Duchess of Albany, has always taken so much interest, and for which she has done so much.

"I well remember My previous visit in 1885, to which you refer, and I know and appreciate the admirable work which has been performed by your Hospital during the last fifty years. The remarkable growth in the number of attendances, and the increase in the accommodation required both for in and out-patients is evidence of the utility of your work and of the zeal and energy with which it is carried on. When I consider the nature of the maladies for which provision is made in your Hospital, I do not wonder that it should have aroused the charitable instincts of the benevolent and called forth the enthusiastic service and devotion of your medical and nursing staff. Sufferers from paralysis and epilepsy are so helpless, so utterly dependent for their very existence on the exertions of others, that without such institutions as the National Hospital, many of the poor who can afford no special appliances and no efficient medical attendance, must inevitably be reduced, with their families, to the greatest misery.

"I trust that, as the nature of your efforts is better known, the springs of charity will flow even more abundantly in the future than in the past in aid of your work.

"In these fine buildings which I now declare open that good work will, I am convinced, be carried on even more efficiently than in bygone years, and I pray that with the blessing of God the utility and success of your labours may ever increase.

*Whitehall, November 9, 1909.*

The KING was pleased on Thursday, the 4th November, on the occasion of the opening of the Jubilee Extension Buildings of the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Frederick Orridge Macmillan, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Management of the said Institution.

*Whitehall, November 10, 1909.*

The KING has been pleased to issue Commissions under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to the following effect:—

*EDWARD, R. & I.*

EDWARD THE SEVENTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, to

Our right trusty and well-beloved Counsellor Henry, Baron James of Hereford; Knight Grand Cross of Our Royal Victorian Order;

Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Counsellor Victor Albert George, Earl of Jersey, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George;

Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin Jocelyn Brudenell, Earl of Chichester;

Our trusty and well-beloved Edgar Algernon Robert Cecil, Esquire (commonly called Lord Robert Cecil), one of Our Counsel learned in the Law;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Gavin George, Baron Hamilton of Dalzell, Commander of Our Royal Victorian Order;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Counsellors:—

Sir William Hart Dyke, Baronet;

Henry Hobhouse;

Sir Francis Mowatt, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Companion of the Imperial Service Order; and

Our trusty and well-beloved:—

Sir Arthur Osmond Williams, Baronet;