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TUESDAY, 29 MAY, 1928.

Whitehall, May 25, 1928.

The following Address was presented to The KING on the occasion of the opening by His Majesty of the Princess Louise Kensington Hospital for Children on the 21st May, 1928:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY.

On behalf of the Authorities of this Hospital I beg to tender grateful and respectful thanks to Your Majesty and to Her Majesty the Queen for coming among us to-day to open the new Princess Louise Kensington Hospital for Children.

The connection of Your Majesty's House with the Dispensary, out of which this Hospital has grown, is of long standing: the Charity was instituted by the Duke of Kent and tradition has it that Her Majesty Queen Victoria and the Duchess of Kent were subscribers to the funds of the Dispensary in its early days. And to-day we are honoured to have as President Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll, whose name the new Hospital bears.

In 1924 it was decided that the old Dispensary should be abandoned and that a much needed up-to-date Children's Hospital should be established, and a Committee was formed to raise £80,000, to acquire a suitable site and erect the necessary Hospital. The result of their efforts are before Your Majesties to-day.

We have been fortunate in securing the services of a first-rate Honorary Medical Staff, an experienced Matron and a competent staff of Nurses, and in addition to our Out-Patient Department, which has already proved its

value and in which women as well as children receive medical treatment, we are able to take in between 30 and 40 children.

We are deeply grateful to all those who have enabled us to reach our present position: and to no one are our thanks more due than to Her Royal Highness The Princess Louise, who has taken an active interest in our movement from its inception and has helped us on our way by more than generous contributions to our funds.

We are in particular deeply grateful to Her Majesty the Queen for the practical interest that she has shown in our work on more than one occasion.

It is our intention, when funds permit, to build a Home for the Nurses, who for the time being will have to occupy the Upper Floors of our two Ward Blocks: these floors will then be available for some additional 40 beds.

The knowledge that Your Majesties were interested in our work has been to us a great incentive: and your presence here to-day and well-known love of children will stimulate others to give us the means to maintain our Hospital as an efficient factor in the problem of the promotion of National Health.

I now respectfully ask Your Majesty to declare open the Princess Louise Kensington Hospital for Children.

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

It is with great pleasure that the Queen and I have come here to-day to open the Children's Hospital in North Kensington which bears the name of my dear Aunt, The Princess Louise,