

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

We regret that none of the papers on the question "What precautions would you take in nursing a suspected case of syphilis?" are of sufficient merit to justify the award a prize, but we know that, so far, nurses have been encouraged in few training schools to take an interest in this question, or taught what precautions to take for the protection of their patients and themselves when nursing a case which is suspected to be of syphilitic origin.

Next week we shall publish the splendid paper read by the Honble. Albinia Brodrick at the Dublin Nursing Conference on "Black Plague or Venereal Disease" and we hope that many of our readers will help to bring the subject before those likely to be interested in it by taking and circulating extra copies of that issue. In this case they should place their orders with the Manager BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, 431 Oxford Street, London, W. not later than July 15th or the issue may be sold out.

NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

A joint meeting of the Midwives Association and the National Union of Trained Nurses was held on June 30th at Home Place, Norton-Fitzwarren, Somerset, when Miss Hoad, Q.N. and Miss Budd Q.N., entertained between 20 and 30 guests.

The Chair was taken by Dr. Meredith of Wellington.

A delightful programme of music, recitation etc. followed an interesting and instructive lecture on Tuberculosis given by Dr. Short, the County Tuberculosis Medical Officer, in which he fully explained the possibilities and limitations of the various treatments.

This most enjoyable "at home" in a country district on a summer's day with the nurses as hostesses was a piece of pioneer work it is much hoped others will follow.

Mrs. Kennion, wife of the Bishop of Bath and Wells, kindly invited the Wells Branch of the National Union of Trained Nurses to hold their Summer Meeting in the Palace, Wells. About 40 Members and Associates were able to be present. Miss Oates, one of the Members of the Branch, who had lately returned from the Balkan War gave her experiences there, and was listened to with great interest.

The picture gallery of the Palace was visited and the beautiful grounds were much admired.

Tea in the cool crypt brought a very pleasant afternoon to a close, all too soon, and all parted feeling much gratitude to their kind hostess.

APPOINTMENTS.

SUPERINTENDENT.

Queen Victoria's District Nursing Association, Liverpool.—Miss Lee has been appointed Superintendent. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and has been Superintendent at St. Helen's, and Superintendent District Home, Liverpool.

MATRON.

Eastern Hospital, Homerton, N.E. (Metropolitan Asylums Board).—Miss E. M. Bradley has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Saviour's Infirmary, Dulwich, and has held the position of Sister at the Camberwell and Wandsworth Infirmary, and has been Assistant Matron at the Hackney Infirmary, Homerton, and Matron for the last four and a-half years at the Salford Union Infirmary.

South Western Hospital, Stockwell, S.W. (Metropolitan Asylums Board).—Miss Susan Villiers has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and has held the position of Matron at the Fountain Hospital under the Metropolitan Asylums Board, and since 1909 has been Matron of the Park Hospital, Hither Green. Prior to September of that year the Park Hospital had been utilised for the treatment of infectious fevers, but since that time, at the instigation of the Local Government Board, the hospital has been devoted to the reception of sick and convalescent children, who had previously been treated in the Poor Law Infirmarys. This new field of work Miss Villiers found less congenial than the nursing of infectious diseases, and at her own request she has now been transferred back to the Fever Service to fill the vacancy at the South Western Fever Hospital, Stockwell, created by the retirement of Miss Burton. The co-ordination of fever and general training is so important a question for adjustment at the present time that it is specially satisfactory that both Miss Villiers and Miss Bradley are educationalists, and have proved their interest in nursing education as a whole by their support of the work of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

Infectious Diseases Hospital, Chester.—Miss Maude Mason has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Brook Hospital, Shooters Hill, Sister at the Manchester Royal Eye Hospital, and the City Fever Hospital, Bradford, Night Sister at the General Hospital, Walsall, Assistant Matron at the Prudhoe Memorial Convalescent Home, Whitley Bay, and, for the last two years Matron at the Isolation Hospital, Conisbrough.

NIGHT SISTER.

Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester.—Miss Margery Lewis has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at King's College Hospital, London, and has also done holiday sister's work there.

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