

ASYLUM WORKERS' ASSOCIATION.

At the Annual Meeting of the Asylum Workers' Association, held at 11, Chandos Street, London, W., on 19th inst., as we go to press, Sir John Jardine, K.C.I.E., M.P., President of the Association in the chair, the Annual Report submitted states that during 1914 some marked progress has been made with the Asylum Officers' Superannuation Act Amendment Bill. The Home Secretary, who had received a deputation on July 16th, promised that, subject to a few modifications, he would withdraw his opposition, but the sudden outbreak of war interfered with the further progress of the Bill at a time when its prospects were decidedly encouraging.

It is satisfactory that the Home Secretary has stated that he will not object to Visiting Committees treating active service during the present war as part of their Officers' Asylum Service, and pensionable under the Superannuation Act.

Dr. J. Farquharson Powell is to be Hon. Secretary, in succession to Dr. Shuttleworth, who has now finally relinquished the duties, greatly to the regret of the members.

MEDALS.

The Central Executive Committee of the Asylum Workers' Association awarded on April 28th, medals to the following candidates:—

GOLD.

Attendant L. Plumridge, of Moorcroft House, with 39 and 5-12ths years' continuous service in one Asylum.

SILVER.

Head Attendant T. Brooks, of Oxford County Asylum, with 38 and 7-12ths years' continuous service in one Asylum.

Head Nurse A. Brown, of Worcester County Asylum, with 27 and 2-12ths years' continuous service in that Institution.

BRONZE.

Head Attendant F. Neve, Plymouth Borough Asylum.

Charge Attendant T. Luscombe, Worcester County Asylum.

Deputy-Charge Attendant R. Blackburn, Lancaster County Asylum.

Head Attendant W. A. Moore, Woodilee Asylum.

Attendant A. Hall, Moorcroft House.

Charge Attendants J. McDonald, and D. M. Oliphant, Fife and Kinross District Asylum.

Head Attendant J. A. Carnegie, Ayr District Asylum.

SPECIAL GOLD MEDAL.

A special gold medal is awarded to Charge Attendant R. Slawson, who has, to his credit, 46 years' continuous service at The Coppice, Nottingham.

THE NURSING AND MIDWIFERY EXHIBITION.

The Annual Nursing and Midwifery Exhibition opened at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, on Tuesday, May 18th, and is continued throughout this week. As usual, a number of well-known firms are participating, but we missed some of those who are usually to be found there, for which the War is probably responsible. We understand that the Organizing Secretary, Mr. Ernest Schofield, recognised the position and preferred that the standard of former years should be maintained to increasing the scope of the Exhibition.

Of first-class firms who are using the Exhibition to bring their specialities before trained nurses, we may draw special attention to the following which should not be missed by nurses visiting the Horticultural Hall this week.

At Stand 3A MESSRS. W. H. BAILEY & SON, LTD., 38, Oxford Street, are showing many items of interest to nurses and midwives, including sterilizers, hypodermic syringes, rectal and saline apparatus, and antiseptic dressings and surgical appliances attractively displayed. The firm have an excellent Midwives' bag, well fitted, extremely reasonable in price, and maternity nurses should ask to see and inspect one.

Stand 4A, VIROL, LTD., food specialists, 152-166, Old Street, E.C., are showing this well-known preparation, manufactured at the model premises in Old Street, also the headquarters of the Bovril business. Virol is proving itself of great value to expectant and nursing mothers, and through them to their infants; or it may be added to the milk of a hand-fed baby. Virol is also being widely prescribed in cases of nervous exhaustion and neurasthenia, as it provides the fat and other food elements necessary for such cases in a digestible and pleasant form. It takes rank as a concentrated food of the first value.

Stands 17A and 22A, MESSRS. LEWIS & BURROWS, Chemists, have many attractive features and a little knot of nurses is generally to be seen in close proximity listening to explanations of the various specialities. A British Eau de Cologne prepared in the laboratories of the firm is very popular. The "Penlite," an electric torch a little larger than a fountain pen, and costing 3s. 6d. should have a future before it, more especially for throat work, and the Empress Ice Flask for the manufacture of ice, is another of the newer specialities of this enterprising firm.

Stand 23A, THE DIGLAN PATENTS CO., LTD., 5, Plaintrain Place, Long Lane. The Diglan Hygienic Toilet Seat is a most practical, simple, efficient, and inexpensive appliance, which can be fixed in a moment to the seat in any lavatory, and is, as it claims to be, "an assurance of cleanliness, and an insurance against contagion. A pad of 50 sheets of paper cut in the right shape and impregnated with a disinfectant costing 6d., can be clipped on in six seconds, and the top sheet is removed before

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