

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

We must offer a word of sympathy to Lord Knutsford. "The London" has been the love of a life time, and after a quarter-of-a-century's devotion to its upkeep, it is indeed grievous to find its work cramped by the abnormal cost of every necessary which makes for a hospital's efficiency. How few of us realised that when the barbarians of Europe let loose the dogs of war their criminal attack on humanity would leave such a trail of disaster in its wake.

We are glad to see a generous, though no doubt quite inadequate response is being made to Lord Knutsford's appeal; but the voluntary hospital system cannot in its entirety be maintained under existing conditions and all interested in the prevention of disease, and the care of the sick, must come together, and help to evolve a system of management on a sound financial basis, which will meet modern needs. And through insurance the people must do much more to help themselves.

The Rockefeller Foundation, U.S.A., established by Mr. John D. Rockefeller "to promote the well being of mankind throughout the world," has offered to University College Hospital, and its Medical School, the munificent sum of £400,250 for building and endowment, and a further sum to University College for Medical Education and Research, bringing the total gift up to £1,205,000. It is part of the scheme that the Corporation of University College Hospital shall maintain 60 obstetric beds, and this will mean that the present Nurses' Home, which forms a wing of the hospital, will be utilised for the purposes of the hospital proper, and that a new Home will be provided for the nurses, let us hope with collegiate possibilities.

THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The Monthly meeting of the Public Health Section of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses, will be held at 17, Evelyn House, 62, Oxford Street, W.1., on Friday, June 25th, at 5.30 p.m.

Members please note!

A CAUSE CÉLÈBRE.

Notice of trial has now been served and the action for libel set down brought by Miss Maude MacCallum against the late editor (Sir Henry Burdett) and the publishers and printers of the *Hospital*, and the *Nursing Mirror*, and it is presumed the action will be tried about the first week in July.

As the matter is one of much interest to the nursing profession, we learn that many nurses will be present to listen to the evidence.

APPOINTMENTS.

NURSE MATRON.

Infectious Diseases Hospital, Spennymoor.—Miss E. Cleminson has been appointed Nurse-Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and has been matron under the Hartlepool Port Sanitary Authority.

SENIOR SISTER.

Bulwell Infirmary, Highbury Road, Nottingham.—Miss Jessie Woolford has been appointed Senior Sister. She was trained at the Blackburn Infirmary, where she subsequently held the position of Sister. She has had charge of the ambulance rooms at the Shell Factory, Hartlepool, and been Maternity Sister at the Maternity Hospital, Stockton-on-Tees. She is a certified midwife.

INSPECTOR OF MIDWIVES.

Montgomeryshire County Council.—Miss Edith Rowlands has been appointed Inspector of Midwives. She was trained at the New Infirmary, Burnley, and has worked in Wales as a Queen's Nurse, and has been Assistant County Superintendent and School Nurse for East Sussex and Assistant Superintendent of the North Wales Nursing Association.

SISTER.

Fazakerley Sanatorium, Liverpool.—Miss Margaret Ritchie has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Manchester Royal Infirmary and King's Cross Fever Hospital, Dundee, and has acted as Sister in both institutions.

NURSING REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COUNCIL OF THE Q.V.J. INSTITUTE.

Miss Grace H. Vaughan has been elected on to the Council Q.V.J.I., to represent the Superintendents of Training Homes in England, Wales and Ireland—the County Superintendents are represented by Miss Wheeley. Both these ladies are on the Executive Committee and on the Nursing Sub-Committee. The expert knowledge of the Superintendents' representatives should be invaluable to the Council, which is almost entirely a lay body.

PRESENTATION TO STAFF-NURSE MINNIE BYRNE.

The Society for the Protection of Life from Fire has presented a gold watch to Staff-Nurse Minnie Byrne in recognition of her gallantry at the Northern General Military Hospital, Leeds, on January 1st. Nurse Byrne was administering an inhalation of oxygen to a patient when the cylinder exploded, setting fire to the bed. The nurse went through the flames and moved the patient to another bed, and in doing so set her own clothing on fire.

Recently Nurse Byrne, whose home is in Ireland, received the Royal Red Cross from the military authorities for the same gallant feat.

EXAMINATIONS.

Examinations arranged by the Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W. 1, for Sanitary Officers and others will take place in London on July 30th and 31st next. Intending candidates should note that the Regulations for these examinations were revised in January last.

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