

The patients had only been transferred from the old building two days' before, and some of them were feeling rather homesick for the old surroundings which they had known for so long, some for many years; but extra fare and the cheerful strains of the band, stationed outside the building, made for consolation to them. The Guardians have been fortunate in securing the services of Miss Winifred A. Todd, formerly Matron of the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, who holds the Certificate of Guy's Hospital.

She has been in residence for some weeks past, and has been extremely busy getting order out of the chaos, which was inevitable after the evacuation of the military, and the subsequent re-decoration.

She and her assistant matron, Miss Jenkins, are much to be congratulated on the result of their strenuous work.

It is proposed to receive paying patients into the spare beds of the hospital. This is of course, quite an innovation for a Poor Law Hospital, but as it is now proposed that it shall become a Training School for Nurses, the plan should be of great benefit from that point of view.

For the first time the Guardians have engaged the services of a resident medical officer, who will work under the non-resident Medical Superintendent, Dr. B. H. Stewart.

Want of space prevents a more detailed account.

The Wellhouse Hospital has been opened under very pleasant auspices, and we trust and believe that it will be a blessing to the sick of both the old and new poor.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The "Swan Song" of the Alexandra Hospital for Children with Hip Disease (or more accurately for all cases of Surgical Tuberculosis), Queen Square, Bloomsbury, W.C. 1, on Wednesday, November 17th, was a very pleasant function. For, after all, the hospital, which has been sold, is only removing into the country, not closing down, and pending the provision of a new hospital the Alexandra will enjoy the hospitality of the Governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, who have lent its Committee the beautiful Kettlewell Convalescent Home, at Swanley, Kent. So adieux were said to the sound of cheerful music and the tinkle of the cups, and many of the little patients expressed their pleasure at the prospect of a move to the country, and the parents also are quite content, as they are sufficiently educated to realise the benefit of the fresh country air for their children.

The following day the packing up for this big family began (no mean undertaking, when it is realised that 52 children, mostly flat on their backs, 20 pantechinons of furniture and 30 nurses had to be moved to Swanley).

In the front hall and office, the Matron Miss Fitch, who is intent on raising the sum of £1,000, was welcoming friends of the hospital and former members of the nursing staff, and incidentally

doing good business in old furniture in aid of her fund. A card on Queen Square, on which were lines by one of the Nursing Staff, was also selling well at sixpence. It began—

"Morning sunshine, spring in the air,
Pigeons cooing—a London square."

Buy the card and you will know the rest

The Duke of York presided at a dinner held at the Connaught Rooms last week in support of an effort to raise £25,000 to meet the immediate needs of the Queen's Hospital for Children, Bethnal Green.

The total sum realized by the dinner was £20,300, of which £3,500 were contributed by the Children's Jewel Fund and £891 by the Working Men's Societies. The Duke of York gave £25.

Something like £30,000 a year is required. Working men and trade unionists are organizing to raise funds. Happy parents of strong and healthy little ones should spare a gift for hospitals for innocent suffering children.

A meeting of members of both Houses of Parliament have discussed the future management of voluntary hospitals, and in a resolution urged that an immediate inquiry should be made on the subject of State or rate aid before any legislation is passed. The resolution was to be reported to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Health.

Bethnal Green Poor Law Infirmary is to be called the Bethnal Green Hospital.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Barrowmore, East Lancashire Tuberculosis Colony, Chester.—Miss F. Helena Yoxall has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the North Staffordshire Infirmary, Stoke-on-Trent, and has since been Matron of the Paddock Auxiliary Hospital, Oswaldtwistle, and the Convalescent Home, Porthcawl, Glamorgan.

SISTER MIDWIFE.

Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital, Marylebone Road, N.W.—Miss Catharine A. Arkcoil has been appointed Sister Midwife. She took her general training at the Miller General Hospital, and has been Staff Nurse at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, and now holds the post of Sister of the Preliminary Training School.

SISTER.

Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital, Marylebone Road, N.W.—Miss Lucy B. Piemons has been appointed Sister of one of the Lying in Wards. She was trained at the Southwark Infirmary, and was Staff Nurse at the Samaritan Free Hospital and Staff Nurse at Queen Charlotte's Hospital.

COMING EVENTS.

November 25th, 26th, and 27th.—National Union of Trained Nurses. Café Chantant and Sale of Work, 46, Marsham Street, S.W. 2 to 8 p.m.

November 29th—December 5th.—"Birthday Week." Imperial Nurses' Club, 137, Ebury Street, S.W.1.

December 3rd.—Royal British Nurses Association. A Conference on Burning Questions. 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W.1. 3 p.m.

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