

at Portsmouth Infirmary, and at the Isolation Hospital, Stanmore, and has been Senior Sister and Deputy Matron at Eastbourne Fever Hospital, Night Sister and Assistant Matron at the Fever Hospital, Wimbledon, and Night Superintendent at the City Hospital, Hull.

#### SISTER-IN-CHARGE.

Metropolitan Borough of Greenwich Council's Maternity Home.—Miss Nellie Gertrude Beeham has been appointed Sister-in-Charge. She was trained in General Nursing at Peterborough General Infirmary, in Fever Nursing at the Brook Hospital, Shooters' Hill, and in Midwifery at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, and has held various appointments of Sister and Night Sister, and is Assistant Matron of St. Mary's Maternity Hostel, Croydon.

#### HEALTH VISITOR.

Borough of Brighouse.—Miss Margaret Grice has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at Highfield Infirmary, Liverpool, and at the Municipal Maternity Home, Halifax.

### MEDALS FOR NURSES.

Sir William James Thomas' medal day is a great day at the King Edward VII Hospital, Cardiff, particularly among the student-nurses. To secure one of the three awards provided out of the fund endowed by Sir William James Thomas, Bart., is to be marked out as premier in as keen a body of nursing students as is to be found in any large institution in the country. On Wednesday last week, in the presence of a large assembly of nurses, governors, and members of the medical staffs, presided over by Sir William Diamond, K.B.E., as chairman of the board, this year's winners received their awards at the hand of Sir William James Thomas himself. They were:—Nurse Annie Tudwen Williams, gold medallist; Nurse Elizabeth Frances Brennan, silver medallist; and Nurse Rachel Miles, bronze medallist.

Sir William Diamond expressed the appreciation of the board of governors of the gift.

Dr. Ewen Maclean, chairman of the nursing committee, pointed out that the purpose of the presentation of the medals was not to allow three nurses to say that they were better than their neighbours, but for the purpose of lifting the general average of the nursing for, after all, it was on the average that an institution was judged. The public had appreciated the enormous strides made in medicine and surgery, but he felt quite sure that the public had not yet appreciated the very marked requirements in advanced scientific knowledge and training for nurses. He was sure they did not appreciate the very detailed course of training which their nurses had now to undergo, and the acquirement of a high standard of scientific instruction, information, and practice which was necessary in an institution such as theirs. He thought that they were inclined to overlook the services of their lecturers, both on the staff and from the outside, including the professors of anatomy and physiology at the university, who so gladly gave their services for the enhancement of the curriculum of their nurses. The General Nursing Council had laid down a high standard to be attained by nurses who were going to become registered nurses. That demanded the high standard of their curriculum, and the prospects were that the standard would become even higher. Under these circumstances they recognised and appreciated not only the generosity of Sir William James Thomas and Lady Thomas, but also their far-sightedness. In conclusion, Dr. Maclean drew attention to the importance of the maternity work, which he feared was not always regarded as part of the

King Edward VII Hospital, and mentioned that Miss Ford, of that department, had secured one of the premier positions in the nursing world in being appointed as Matron of the Rotunda Hospital in Dublin, the first maternity hospital in the United Kingdom. The King Edward VII Hospital was passing on to other outside institutions many excellent nurses, and had established a reputation for being an excellent training ground.

### THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The recent Fleet Street revel week in support of "Barts." yielded about £8,000.

The Great Northern Central Hospital has received £462 os. 9d., the balance of Earl Roberts' Rest House Fund for Sailors and Soldiers, which is to be used for the benefit of ex-Service men and their dependants. In consideration of this gift the Committee of Management have named a bed "Earl Roberts' Rest House Bed," for a period of fifteen years.

The Duke of York had an enthusiastic welcome when he visited the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, on November 23rd, to lay the foundation stone of the new West Wing. His Royal Highness was received by the Chairman, Mr. Fielding Johnson, and Mrs. Fielding Johnson, the Deputy Chairman, Mr. C. J. Bond, C.M.G., the Matron, Miss C. E. Vincent, R.R.C., and the House Governor and Secretary, Mr. Harry Johnson. A Guard of Honour was formed by Sisters and Nurses of the institution. The ceremony was performed by the Prince from a special platform where, after a short religious service, he laid the stone, declaring it to be "well and truly laid."

Instead of the usual silver trowel, the architect, Mr. William Keay, presented to the Prince a silver casket, made in the city, and bearing its motto, "Semper Eadem" and containing a vellum scroll on which a brief description of the Infirmary is engrossed.

The Prince also laid a memorial tablet to the late Thomas George Langham in the Langham Ward, which bears an inscription testifying that the Ward was erected from a bequest to his executors of his residuary estate for charitable purposes.

The amount contributed was £22,500.

His Royal Highness told the Matron how impressed he was with everything he had seen, and remarked especially upon the cleanliness of the wards and of the institution generally.

Sir Garrod Thomas, D.L., chairman of the Royal Gwent Hospital directors, has received a cheque for £327 from the workmen of the Dos Nail Works, Newport. £261 was collected by the workmen, and the employers added 25 per cent.

The Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital, Liverpool, is a group of Hospitals consisting of three branches, the City Branch for acute cases in Myrtle Street, the Heswall Branch for cases requiring

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