LEGACIES TO NURSES.

Mrs. Jane Brownsword, of Nottingham, left £100 to Nurse Laura Anderson.

Mr. Ernest James Wilde left £400 to Nurse Minnie Harris.

Mr. John Alexander Hoey, of Magheresbridge, Co. Fermanagh, left £400 to Maggie Gibson “for her trouble in nursing Margaret Louisa Gibson.”

The Rev. William O’Doherty, of Sparkhill, Birmingham, left £300 to Emily Atkins, known as Sister Justa of Stapelhill Priory, near Wimborne, Dorset.

Sir Alfred F. Yarrow, Bart., of Green Meadows, Good- worth, Clatford, Hants, said in his will:—

“I have been greatly impressed in recent years with the useless lives led by many of the ladies of the present day, they being unprovided with any occupation except the pursuit of amusement. On the other hand, I greatly admire another group who do useful work, justifying their existence. Certainly from observation the latter group are the happier. Of this latter group I would like to mention the following London Hospital nurses, and I give them £50 each—Catherine Black, Miss Benson, Miss Neal, Miss Dalton, Miss Williams, Dorothy Hammett, Miss Martincock, and Miss Rice.”

Miss Catherine Black was in attendance on the King in 1928, and for her services she was awarded the Royal Red Cross (first class) and the M.B.E.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fleming of Thornley Court, W., left £1,000 to Nurse Rider and £1,000 to Nurse Hall.

THE PASSING BELL.

Nurses generally, and those in the North East of Scotland particularly, will regret the death of Dr. John Parlane Kinloch Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health for Scotland, which took place at his father’s home Lauriston, Oxhill, Dumbartonshire. On Saturday night he went on a visit to his father, was taken suddenly ill on Sunday, 31st of January and died later of heart failure. Dr. Kinloch’s death came as a shock to his many friends, for he was still a young man, although already one of the best known in his profession. Only forty-six years of age he held the highest Scottish Appointment in the Public Health Service. A man of vivid imagination and clear vision, Dr. Kinloch has been responsible for many changes since he took charge of Scottish Health Organisation over three years ago.

His brilliant career began at Glasgow University where he graduated in medicine in 1900. He took the D.P.H. of Cambridge with distinction in 1910. He secured the M.D. degree with commendation from his Alma Mater in 1913. After a varied experience he was appointed Deputy M.O.H. for Aberdeen and was reader in Public Health and Infectious Diseases at the University. During the war he was in command of a Mobile Hygienic Field Laboratory in France. In 1923 Dr. Kinloch was appointed M.O.H. for Aberdeen and Head of the Public Health Department at the University. He was largely responsible for the anticipation of the Local Government reform proposals in the arrangements which were made when the Town Council became responsible for Woodend Hospital; and under his inspiration there was co-operation between the public bodies and the general practitioners of the North East region. Dr. Kinloch was appointed Chief Officer to the Department of Health for Scotland in 1928. He made many Scientific Contributions to Literature and was an arresting public speaker and a popular official. He took a keen interest in the training of nurses. His great hope was to establish, through the co-ordinated health services a complete training for every nurse, based on academic knowledge. The Sick, the Public Health Service and the Nursing Profession have lost a staunch friend in Dr. Kinloch.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Queen recently visited Isleworth to open the new maternity block and electrical treatment department of the West Middlesex County Hospital. This hospital was opened by her mother, the Duchess of York, 35 years ago, and the new extensions complete the building. Her Majesty was received by Lord Rochdale (Lord Lieutenant of the County), Sir Edward Hilton Young (Minister of Health), the Bishop of London (who performed the opening ceremony), and others.

The London Clinic and Nursing Home, Ltd., in Devonshire Place, W., was formally opened by the Duchess of York, who was accompanied by the Duke of York, on February 15th, where they were received outside the building by the Duke of Atholl (the Chairman) and Alderman Frederick White (the Mayor of the Borough of St. Marylebone). Many presentations were made within the building, including those of the House Governor (Sir E. W. Morris), and the Matron (Miss E. M. Hebdon). The Home, which caters for people of moderate means, was, the Duke of Atholl said, in these days of high blood pressure and low banking accounts, a real necessity; and Lord Dawson of Penn described it as an institution which catered for the cultured poor.

The King and Queen visited the Clinic some days previously and expressed much interest in its arrangements.

A brown paper parcel, tied with string, was recently received by post at St. Thomas’s Hospital, containing £140 in f1 and 10s. notes. As the notes were being counted, a scrap of paper was found containing the message: “With deep gratitude for the kindness shown to me as an inpatient some 10 years ago.”

At an extraordinary general meeting of the London Temperance Hospital, when Sir Percy Shepherd, President of the Hospital, presided, the following resolution was carried unanimously:—“That the name of the London Temperance Hospital be changed to ‘The National Temperance Hospital.’” A representative of the Aids Society suggested that on notepaper and other printed matter the word ‘general’ should appear under the title. This was agreed.

The Duke of York will visit Huddersfield on Saturday, March 12th, to open the new wing of the Royal Infirmary.

The Midnight Ballet party in aid of the rebuilding fund of Queen Charlotte’s Maternity Hospital realised £3,500 for this much-needed fund; and Mrs. Dudley Ward and Mrs. Siefie celebrated the result by giving a dance for the purpose of thanking those who had made the Ballet such a success.

Early in April, in aid of the same hospital, there is to be a Festival Performance of The Miracle, produced by Professor Max Reinhardt, and presented by Mr. Charles D. Cochran at the Lyceum Theatre.

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The Chelsea Hospital for Women, which is nearly £3,000 in debt, has received a grant of £50 from the Ironmongers’ Company.