

**INSPECTOR OF FOSTER HOMES.**

**Dr. Barnardo's Homes.**—Miss Hilary H. Riggall, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., has been appointed Inspector of Dr. Barnardo's Foster Homes. She was trained at the County Hospital, Lincoln, and at the Maternity Hospital, Birmingham, and obtained the Health Visitor's Certificate at the Battersea Polytechnic, and the Certificate in Mental Health at the London School of Economics. Miss Riggall has been Superintendent of Infants' House at Bethnal Green Children's Homes, Psychiatric Social Worker at the London Child Guidance Clinic, Islington, and has been engaged in Private Nursing (children).

**QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL NAVAL NURSING SERVICE.**

Miss L. Phillips, A.R.R.C., Nursing Sister, to be Superintending Sister, to date May 1st.

**QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.**

Sister Miss M. Nicholson to be Matron (May 7th).

Sister Miss K. P. Johnston resigns her appointment (May 8th).

**QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MILITARY NURSING SERVICE FOR INDIA.**

Lady Superintendent, Miss R. L. Nevile, A.R.R.C., retires (May 17th).

**LEGACIES TO NURSES.**

Mrs. Sarah Baylis, of Bournemouth, left an annuity of £120 to Nurse Agnes Jackson, if with her at the time of her death.

The Rev. Francis Edward Pitman, of Court Road, Tunbridge Wells, left £1,000 to Nurse R. Swinnerton, £500 to Nurse Sarah Farrington, and if in his service at his death £1 a week for 12 weeks after, and £200 to Nurse M. Godwin.

**THE HOSPITAL WORLD.**

The annual meeting of the Hospital Saturday Fund was recently held at the Mansion House. The Lord Mayor presided.

Lord Malmesbury, chairman of the fund, read a letter from Sir Frederick Ponsonby, expressing the interest of the King as Patron. The writer said: "His Majesty is specially pleased to think that in the diamond jubilee year of the fund the enthusiasm and energy of its voluntary workers is producing such successful results. The work of the fund is of particular value in these days of industrial depression." Lord Malmesbury said that £66,436 was distributed early in February to the participating institutions.

The new buildings in Paddington for St. Mary's Hospital are nearly ready for opening. The hospital, having acquired for £63,000 an adjoining island-site of about two acres, has cleared the greater portion of it, and now stands linked by a street-bridge to a magnificent new medical school.

This is the first medical school within living memory that has been completely rebuilt on money derived entirely from British sources. It has cost approximately £250,000.

The school contains a fine central library room, and has separate departmental libraries for anatomy, bacteriology, and the rest, in close proximity to the laboratories and lecture theatres of the departments.

The report of the Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital for 1932 shows that, as a result of the steps taken in the early part of the year to give effect to the recommendations of the economy committee, material savings have been effected in every department of the hospital. The net decrease of expenditure on the year's working, compared with the figures for 1931, amounted to £18,845. The amount expended was £197,524, the lowest expenditure for the past five years. Annual subscriptions still showed a decrease, but there was a gratifying increase in donations.

The Prince of Wales has promised to lend the gardens of Marlborough House for the children's party in aid of the reconstruction fund for the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, on Wednesday, June 28.

Tickets, price 5s., can be obtained from Lady Thomas, The Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.

At the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the governors of the Italian Hospital, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, the Vice-president, Lord FitzAlan of Derwent, presented a donation of £1,005 received from a group of British admirers to endow a bed, which was unveiled by Signor Grandi and dedicated to Signor Mussolini.

In a telegram acknowledging the gift, the Duce expressed his deep appreciation of such a practical expression of sympathy. "Such a gesture," he stated, "is a proof of the friendly spirit of co-operation which unites the people of the two countries, and which also finds its expression in the field of social welfare."

Dr. Charles Porter, the Marylebone Medical Officer of Health, who is a member of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales as a nominee of the Ministry of Health, has been elected President of the Society of Medical Officers of Health for 1933-34.

The London County Council has appointed Mr. G. H. Gater (the Council's Education Officer) to be Clerk of the Council, at a salary of £3,000, in succession to Sir Montagu Cox, who will retire on September 30th.

Mr. E. M. Rich (the senior assistant education officer) was, at the same meeting, unanimously recommended by the General Purposes Committee to be Education Officer at a salary of £2,500 a year, rising by biennial increments to £3,000 a year.

The Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held in Dublin in July. Its last Irish meeting was in Belfast in 1909, and nearly half a century has gone since a former meeting in Dublin. At the coming meeting, Professor T. G. Moorhead, President of the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland and Regius Professor of Physic in the University of Dublin, will take office as president of the association in succession to Lord Dawson of Penn.

**COLOUR IN THE OPERATING THEATRE?**

Mr. J. H. Bounds, of Manchester, has built up a remarkable business since the War, and has recently acquired a modern well-equipped factory in which expert hands make up every kind of garment required by the staffs of Hospitals and Institutions. All uniforms are made to measure, there is no standardisation.

Mr. Bounds has sensed a very real demand on the part of surgeons for a change from the ordinary white equipment used in the Operating Theatre. Two problems presented themselves—(1) the choice of colours; (2) the achievement of really fast dyeing and really "shrunk" finish. Extensive enquiries showed that two shades were the most restful to the eye—bottle green and a certain shade of cornflower blue. The problem was to transfer the correct shade of both to the cloth. The Industrial Chemist overcame this, and the "Stethos" linens and calicoes have been dyed by the most permanent process known—the purest "vat" dye is applied direct to the thread. Mr. Bounds is now able to guarantee them fast to light, washing and constant sterilisation, and they are specially shrunk.

Will the time come when we shall see the hospital world split up into the protagonists of green or blue?

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