

## Grading of Nurses.

The Joint Committee go on to discuss the question of grading and state:—

The nomenclature now used by various authorities to describe the different grades of nurses is both chaotic and misleading. The following designations only should be employed in future: Matron, assistant matron, home sister, sister-tutor, night superintendent or sister, ward sister, staff nurse, senior assistant nurse, assistant nurse, probationer, male nurse, male attendant. As a corollary the terms superintendent nurse and head nurse should be eliminated from the Public Assistance Order, 1930.

The designations mentioned above should be used in the following manner:—

## GENERAL HOSPITALS AND INFIRMARIES.

(a) The terms matron, assistant matron, home sister, sister-tutor, night superintendent or sister, ward sister, staff nurse and male nurse should not be used unless the nurses are fully trained and entered in the general part of the State Register.

(b) The terms senior assistant nurse, assistant nurse, male attendant, and probationer should be used in the case of nurses not possessing the foregoing qualifications.

## SPECIAL HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS.

(c) The use of the term matron, assistant matron, and sister-tutor should be applied only to those nurses who are fully trained and entered on the general part of the State Register; while the titles home sister, night superintendent or sister, ward sister, staff nurse and male nurse should signify that these nurses have been fully trained, although they might be entered only under the appropriate section of the Supplementary State Register.

(d) As in the case of general hospitals and infirmaries the descriptions senior assistant nurse, assistant nurse, male attendant and probationer should be used for untrained nurses.

## Salaries.

Dealing with the questions of salaries, the Joint Committee's Report says: As the various institutions provided by local authorities differ materially in size, type, and location, it is neither practicable nor desirable to prescribe scales of salaries for general application throughout the country. The Joint Committee, nevertheless, wish to point out that from an examination of the replies received to a questionnaire issued by them for the purpose of the recent investigation and a perusal of a number of recent advertisements relating to appointments in the nursing service, insufficient salaries appear to be paid in some areas, and to express the opinion that lack of adequate remuneration deters many potential candidates of the right type from entering the profession.

## WORD FOR MONTH.

"Better to live a day as a lion than a hundred years as a sheep."  
SIGNOR MUSSOLINI.

## THANKSGIVING DAY BOXES.

Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day, May 12th, will, we hope, induce a little silver stream to flow through the National Council of Nurses' Office in support of its Scholarship. Boxes so inscribed will be procurable for the use of the Affiliated Nurses' Associations and Leagues into which gifts may be dropped. No compulsion, just evidence of gratitude and loyalty in our ranks.

## THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

During her recent residence at Sandringham, the Queen opened the new building of the West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital, and received purses in aid of the extension fund.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent have both consented to be patrons of the Royal Waterloo Hospital, in Waterloo Road, London. By their joint action, they become officially associated with an institution that has enjoyed royal patronage since its foundation more than a century ago.

The previous Duke of Kent—father of Queen Victoria and great-great-grandfather of the present Duke—was one of the hospital's royal founders. He personally attended the inaugural meeting held in 1816 at the London Tavern.

Dean's Yard, Westminster, will be transformed into an old English marketplace for a brief period in June. The Ladies' Association of Westminster Hospital, to help the hospital rebuilding fund, have planned to reproduce the Old Westminster Market and Pleasure Grounds, which existed in the early eighteenth century, a famous and picturesque feature of London life.

The "Market" should prove a great draw. Those of us who pass through the quiet, leafy place almost daily and love its old-world beauty, are saddened indeed when anticipating its violation by the building of the new Church House.

Recently we passed two young policemen leaning against the hoary walls of "Prelates' Palaces," gazing at the pale young moon through lacy swaying branches, saucy cloudlets kissing her as they passed and fled; and overheard the remark:—

"I always do say as how this is a loovely place."

"What is there in thee, Moon! that thou should'st move My heart so potently?"

We were inclined to question, but refrained.

Mr. S. R. C. Plimsoll, Secretary Superintendent of the Middlesex Hospital, writes to the *Times*:—

"The announcement in your issue of February 6 of the title chosen by Sir Holburt Waring of 'St. Bartholomew's' for the baronetcy which was conferred on him in the New Year's Honours is of some interest. Presumably, Sir Holburt made this choice because of his long and honourable association with St. Bartholomew's Hospital. It is interesting to recall that a similar choice was made by Sir John Bland-Sutton in 1925. When a baronetcy was conferred upon him he chose the title of Sir John Bland-Sutton of the Middlesex Hospital. There was some difficulty in persuading the authorities to accept this choice of title, as it created a precedent."

St. Bartholomew's Hospital, of which the patron is the King and the president the Prince of Wales, will hold its first ball at the Dorchester on May 1. Lady Maud Carnegie is president of the ball.

A woman sympathiser has given a cheque for £5,000 towards the £1,000,000 required for rebuilding and endowing the new St. George's Hospital. Her gift was sent on the condition that her name was not disclosed.

To balance the accounts for the recent extension of the Croydon General Hospital, opened by the Duchess of York last June, Sir Herbert Brown, chairman of the board of management, has given a cheque for £2,500. The new wing provides 61 extra beds, and the nurses' home has been enlarged for the additional staff required. Sir Herbert Brown's recent contributions to the institution amount

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