

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The closing of so many hospital beds in London, with medical and nursing schools attached, has not only caused suffering to the sick public, but has, in a great measure disorganised medical and nursing education, an immeasurable injury to these professions in the near future. It is good to learn, therefore, that the great hospitals are opening more and more beds, greatly to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The Princess Mary Maternity Hospital, Newcastle, has arranged to use the girls' department of the Northern Counties Orphanage, Moor Edge, Newcastle, as a maternity hospital for the duration of the war. The children from the Orphanage have been evacuated.

THE FIRST RECORDED MILITARY HOSPITAL.

It is very generally believed that the first army hospital was that established by Florence Nightingale in the Crimea, but the first to be recorded in history was equipped nearly four hundred years earlier than that by the great Queen Isabella of Spain—the Queen of all Queens, historians have named her. Never surely was there a lady of greater versatility. She led her armies and excelled in the gentle art of illumination on vellum. She was a great protector of the Christian religion and equally great in political ability and diplomacy. She was versed in philosophy, particularly that of Aristotle, and she was a patron of the arts and particularly of architecture; the riches of artistic treasure that have accumulated in Spain owe their origin to her enthusiasm as a collector. It is also to be remembered that Christopher Columbus was able to start on his voyage of discovery, or re-discovery, of America through the favour of Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand.

It is interesting to remember, from another point of view, that Queen Isabella was a descendant of the beautiful Eleanor of Castile, wife of Edward I. of England, and her effigy in Westminster Abbey is still considered one of the finest works of art of its kind in the whole of Europe. Queen Isabella possessed, if we are to believe the chroniclers, all the beauty and grace of her ancestor on the English throne. Katherine of Aragon, first wife of Henry VIII, was the daughter of Queen Isabella of Spain.

In the war of sieges which was planned and carried out by the Queen she established what was known among the Spanish troops as "The Queen's Hospital," and it has been described as "the wonder of the soldiers." It is said to be the first military hospital in history; the hospitals of the Knights of St. John were actually only military in part. Queen Isabella had a staff of surgeons, attached to her hospital, who were required to attend the soldiers free of charge. The hospital itself consisted of six great tents which were moved with the army. It was splendidly equipped in every respect, we are told, and was supplied by the Queen herself with beds, medicines and the dressings approved at that time.

I. M.

YOU HAVE NO ENEMIES.

You have no enemies, you say?
Alas! my friend, the boast is poor.
He who has mingled in the fray
Of duty that the brave endure
Must have made foes.

If you have none
Small is the work that you have done:
You've hit no traitor on the lip,
You've dashed no cup from perjured lip,
You've never turned the wrong to-right,
You've been a coward in the fight.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRONS.

St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, London, W.—Miss M. G. Milne, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, and has held the post of Matron at St. Mary's Hospital once before. Miss Milne has also been Principal Matron, London County Council, Matron at the General Infirmary, Leeds, and is a member of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Goldcrest Emergency Hospital, Sarisbury Green, near Southampton.—Miss Rosalind S. Dennis, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Mary Abbots Hospital, London, where she later held posts as Staff Nurse, Ward Sister, Sister, Female Medical Ward, Sister, Male Surgical Ward, Relief Night Sister, Relief Theatre Sister, and Relief Midwifery Sister. Miss Dennis has also been Administrative Sister at the Warrington Lodge Nursing Home, London, Theatre Sister at the West Middlesex County Hospital, and has held posts as Assistant Sister Tutor, Sister Tutor and Assistant Matron.

Public Health Hospital, Inverurie, Aberdeen.—Miss Margaret A. T. Allan, R.G.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and at the City Hospital, Aberdeen, where she was later Ward Sister. Miss Allan has also been Matron at Aboyne Hospital, Aboyne.

ASSISTANT MATRONS.

City General Hospital, Gloucester.—Miss A. M. Wright, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Mayday Hospital, Croydon, and at the Mothers' Hospital, Clapton; and has been Casualty and Out-patient Sister at the East Dorset Hospital, Poole; Night Sister at the Hampstead General Hospital, London, N.W.; and Ward Sister at the Royal Cancer Hospital, London, S.W. Miss Wright received her Housekeeping Training at the General Hospital, Nottingham.

HOME SISTER.

Farnham County Hospital, Hale Road, Farnham.—Miss Ethel M. Dursley, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained at the City Lodge Hospital, Cardiff, where she was also Pupil Midwife. Miss Dursley has been Sister of the Children's Ward of the Adelina Patti Hospital, Swansea Valley; Ward Sister at the Bridgwater and District Hospital; Holiday Home Sister at the Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury; and Pupil Housekeeper at the General Infirmary, Salisbury, and holds the Housekeeping Certificate.

SISTER TUTOR.

St. John's Hospital, Lewisham, S.E.—Miss Jessie L. Lloyd, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the West London Hospital, Hammersmith, and has been Visiting Tutor Sister at the Northwood and Pinner Hospital, and Tutor Sister and Home Sister at the Altrincham General Hospital, Cheshire.

Leicester Royal Infirmary.—Miss Margaret M. Haggio, R.G.N., D.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and has held posts as Ward Sister and Night Sister, has been Second Sister Tutor at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, and holds the Sister Tutor's Certificate.

Wellhouse Hospital, Barnet.—Miss M. Mangan, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Victoria Children's Hospital, Hull; at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, London; and at the East End Lying-In Hospital, London; and has been Ward Sister at Victoria Children's Hospital, Hull; Ward Sister at the General Infirmary, Bury; Ward Sister at the Royal Sea Bathing Hospital, Margate; Senior Sister at Blgrave Hospital, Reading; Holiday and Night Sister at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, London; Sister-Tutor and Assistant Matron at the General Hospital, Tunbridge Wells; Sister Tutor and Sister-in-Charge at the country branch Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital. Miss Mangan received her Housekeeping Training at the General Infirmary, Salisbury.

LEGACIES FOR NURSES.

Mr. E. J. B. Garlick, of Bexley Heath, left £50 to Sister Isabel Illingworth, "As a slight appreciation of her skill in nursing his late wife."

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