

frock-coat, was assisted by Nurses in mob caps and black ankle-length frocks, who wielded the sponges dexterously. The modern operation demonstrated, with all the latest equipment, was a Lobectomy. Much of the fascination of these staged operations was due to the Medical Students who posed all day as the surgeons.

The Medical Staff.

From the early nineteenth century the Royal Infirmary has been associated with the teaching of Medicine. The first Resident Medical Officer, or House Apothecary as he was then called, a Dr. Robert Ernest, who held the post for forty-four years, was permitted in 1803 to take an apprentice and to receive a gratuity for teaching him. In 1831 the Court of Examiners of the Royal College of Surgeons recognised the teaching given and this continued until the establishment of the Sheffield University in 1905. Of the many prominent doctors who have been associated with the Royal Infirmary at one time or another, mention should be made of Dr. David Daniel Davis, who attended at the birth of Queen Victoria; Sir Edward Mellanby who, with Dr. A. E. Barnes, carried out at the Royal Infirmary some of the earliest clinical work on the use of Insulin for Diabetes; and Professor Sir Howard Florey who was Pathologist for three years.

Display of Models and Instruments.

In the Ear, Nose and Throat, Ophthalmic, Radium, X-ray and many other departments the visitors were awed, fascinated and instructed by the many models, instruments and apparatus displayed. Among many novel experiences they heard the beating of a heart over the Cardio-phone, tested themselves for squint by putting a parrot into its cage, and gazed at the contents of their wives' handbags under the X-rays. The laboratories enthralled them by glimpses through a variety of scopes, of worlds hitherto undreamed of by them. The story goes that in the Bio-chemical Department, Colonel Chinstrap fainted when he saw the impressive array of Winchester quart bottles containing the exact quantity of water to be found in the body of a twelve stone man.

In the evenings, long after the exhibitions should have been closed, the weary but enthralled crowds still roamed from department to department in the buildings which have been affectionately known to them all their lives as "th' Infirmary."

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS.

We thrill with pride when we return thanks for all the lovely Christmas Cards which reached these offices from near and far.

From the Matron-in-Chief, Army Nursing Service, came greetings, including a charming portrait of Her Majesty, Queen Mary, the President.

The New Zealand Registered Nurses Association and Journal sent greetings to their sisters in this country; our colleagues in Australia, now enjoying their summer, remembered us; and good wishes arrived from Norway.

Friends from South Africa greeted us, and beautiful cards crossed the Atlantic from London, Ontario, and from Toronto (and here may we wish Miss P. Oakley

Williams a speedy recovery from her recent accident). Good wishes sped from Brooklyn, New York; and we were much impressed by the novel card from *The American Journal of Nursing*, which was a replica of the cover of the Journal in miniature.

We trust that we may prove worthy of the heartfelt wishes which have reached us at this first Christmas without our illustrious Editor who guided this ship through stormy waters for so many years.

NEW YEAR'S HONOURS.

The New Year's Honours, conferred by His Majesty The King, fill six columns of small print in *The Times*, and we regret that the notable services of the Nursing Profession at large are practically overlooked. Those members who have received decorations are the more to be congratulated.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

D.B.E.

Mrs. Louisa Wilkinson, Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S.
QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL NAVAL NURSING SERVICE.

Second Class, A.R.R.C.

Miss M. B. Goolton, Acting Senior Sister; Mrs. A. Muir, Nursing Sister.

TERRITORIAL ARMY NURSING SERVICE.

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Second Class, A.R.R.C.

Miss M. Lyell, Senior Sister (temp.).

PRINCESS MARY'S ROYAL AIR FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

Bar to R.R.C.

Miss C. Walker, Matron.

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Miss M. C. Rattenberry, Acting Matron.

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Miss M. A. Barwick, Matron; Miss C. I. Cartner, Matron; Miss P. M. Fonceca, Sister; Miss I. Murray, Matron.

C.B.E.

Miss A. A. Joyce, Matron, St. Helen's Hospital, Auckland; Miss M. S. Lindsay, Matron, Public Hospital, Timaru, New Zealand.

O.B.E.

Miss M. O. Robinson, Department of Health for Scotland.

CHIEF NURSING OFFICER DESIGNATE.

We learn that the Minister of Health has appointed Miss Elizabeth Cockayne, S.R.N., S.C.M., to be Chief Nursing Officer Designate.

Miss Cockayne was trained at the Sheffield Royal Infirmary and is Matron of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, London.

We offer our congratulations to Miss Cockayne.

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