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HEALTH VISITORS.

Keighley, Borough of.—Mrs. May Murray has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at Lament Infirmary, and has experience in District Nursing. She holds the certificate of the Central Midwives Board, and of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

THE KEMP PROSSER SCHEME AT ST. JOHN’S HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE SKIN.

We have had the pleasure of going over the wards of the above hospital which have recently been redecorated on the Kemp Prosser Scheme, and we commend the enterprise of this special hospital in striking out in this direction; for whatever may be our views as to the influence of the various colours and, whether those views are founded on Goethe’s theory or whether we believe that it is the colour itself and not its complementary which influences the patient, there is not the slightest doubt that a study of the influence of colour should enter far more into medical therapeutics than is at present the case. It would be interesting to know how far the King’s Fund lends its support to the hospitals which are making a feature of this study for there is scope for a tremendous amount of research, and practically the data which we have to work upon at present is almost nil.

In his blue ceilings, Mr. Prosser seems to aim at giving a feeling of space and wide expanse, while the greens, yellows and pinks of the walls are probably intended to call up something of the reviving springtime. The study of colour effects should commend itself to nurses, and it would be worth while for anyone interested in it to ask permission to see the wards of St. John’s Hospital, where, to judge from the great courtesy we received from those in authority, their request would at least receive sympathetic consideration.

ARMY COUNCIL THANKS JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.

Now that so many hospitals formerly under the Joint War Committee are closing and the Staffs being dispersed, the Army Council has conveyed to the Joint War Committee their appreciation of the inestimable service rendered by the British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

HOT BOTTLES.

When chill October comes we begin to think of those inexpressibly comforting articles, hot water bottles. Who can live through the winter without one? The days of warming pans, excepting as ornaments, have departed, and the indiarubber hot-water bottle has taken their place. It is time to test last year’s treasure, and if found defective to pay a visit to the Surgical Manufacturing Company, 83–85, Mortimer Street, W. 1, and replace it, before they are eagerly bought up at winter prices.