

certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute as a Health Visitor. She is a Registered Nurse in the State of Philadelphia, U.S.A.

MASSEUSE.

Chester Royal Infirmary.—Miss Nora Peck has been appointed Masseuse. She was trained at University College Hospital, London, and holds I.S.T.M., and Medical Electricity Certificates.

Miss Leila Howard has been appointed Assistant Masseuse.

WEDDING BELLS.

Miss C. A. Padbury, R.R.C., Assistant Superintendent of School Nurses in the Public Health Department of the London County Council, is shortly to be married. Her fiancé is from overseas, and after her marriage she will remain in the service of the Council until the necessary arrangements can be made for her sea-passage with her husband, which may be some little time.

The splendid work done by Sister Padbury for blinded soldiers at No. 2 General Hospital, Chelsea, T.F.N.S., is well known, and very many friends will wish her and her fiancé much happiness in their married life.

THE PASSING BELL.

We greatly regret to record the deaths of two members of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses—Miss A. E. Holmes (Cert. 1907), who worked during the war as a member of Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., and who passed away on March 20th, and Miss E. G. Beard (Cert. 1915) who died at the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar, on March 24th. We offer our sincere sympathy to their relatives.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

His Royal Highness Prince Albert has become President of the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, London, N.E., which provides treatment in sickness and accident to over 40,000 children, making over 108,000 attendances in the course of a year. The good work done by the hospital in a very poor neighbourhood, and the economy exercised in its administration, are well known, and it is deserving of all support.

The bazaar recently held at St. Bartholomew's Hospital by the Women's Guild of that institution, proved a decided success. There were no expenses, and the result is that the sum of £3,200 has already been handed over.

THE ROYAL INFIRMARY, CHESTER.

The Chester Royal Infirmary has been reorganising following the withdrawal of the soldiers. Wards have been opened for eye and other special departments, an Orthopædic Clinic established, and definite provision is to be made for paying patients. A new Children's Ward has also been opened on the second floor of the renovated old wing, with a roof balcony adjoining, and commanding an uninterrupted view of the Welsh hills.

On the ward being allotted to the children, two friends of the charity, Dr. J. George Taylor (Hon. Physician) and Mr. W. Heathcote Williams, offered to take it over and to hand it back

decorated, furnished and equipped. The offer was gratefully accepted by the Board, and the outcome is a ward as attractive as art can make it, with every modern appliance and convenience, the delight of all visitors.

The walls and ceiling are enamelled, with a high dado surmounted by a 10 in. panel and a deep frieze, both of nursery patterns. New firegrates have nursery rhyme panels above, and over the balcony door are leaded light window panels. New electric fittings and additional heating in the Sanitary Annexe have been installed, and twenty latest pattern cots, a complete equipment of bedding and linen, instruments, nursery and all other furniture and domestic utensils, and the furnishing of the Sister's Room, are included in the gift.

The Ward was dedicated on March 9th by the Bishop of Chester (Dr. H. L. Paget).

A suggestion has been taken up by the local Press that Chester should raise an Endowment Fund of £10,000 for the Ward, in addition to the Memorial Cross which is to be erected in the centre of the city. The donors of the ward offer, if this is done, to regard their gift as part of the War Memorial.

The hours of duty and salaries of the Nursing Staff have been revised. The Day Staff have been granted one day in seven off duty, and Night Nurses have three consecutive nights off duty per month. Salaries of Ward Sisters have been raised to £52—£55—£62, and of Nurses to first year £18, second year £22, third year £26, fourth year £35.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE FACULTY OF INSURANCE.

Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P. (Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister of Health), presided at the Annual Conference of the Faculty of Insurance, held throughout Friday, March 26th, at the Central Hall, Westminster, which was attended by delegates from local authorities, insurance committees, and social organisations.

In the course of his Presidential Address Sir Kingsley Wood announced that legislation could be anticipated which would deal with the hospital problem as part of the general health problem. At present hospital provision was notoriously inadequate, and its financial resources precarious. In the past it had been nobody's business to provide hospitals, and the voluntary hospitals had often been dumped down in unsuitable places, and there were great gaps in hospital provision. Without any blow at existing voluntary hospitals others must be provided where they were sorely needed. Centres and clinics, the aim of which would be preventive, must also be established, to diminish the number of patients now going straight to the hospitals.

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