

schools are only a clinic for the nurses. We have doctors getting their experience outside. Don't let the nurses begin that too. The need of the nurse giving plenty of time to this is that she must know her district and know the people she is working among, so that the people may get to know her. Her work is in the large cities among ignorant poor foreigners, who are suspicious of every man and woman who comes into their neighbourhood. They get to know the nurse, to know her face and the bag she carries, and they come to have the utmost confidence in her and to tell her all their troubles. They cannot know a pupil nurse as they do one who is there continually.

"In our large hospitals we often feel that there is no need for people to be so poor and dirty. Go into some of those poor little tenements and see how people are crowded, and how they are living when sickness comes. The district nurse knows, and she can sympathise with them. Consider the patient when you are thinking of undertaking district nursing in the homes of the poor as part of the curriculum of your schools."

Miss Nutting said: "These speakers have all touched upon what seem to be very vital points in this matter. Miss Keith has emphasised the great care that it brings to the Superintendent in addition to her executive work in a large hospital, when a training-school undertakes the care of the sick poor in their homes, and it would seem to be stretching her province quite beyond the ability of any one mere human being to handle properly. I should object very forcibly to the introduction of district nursing into the training-school curriculum."

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

The following ladies have received appointments as Staff Nurses:—Miss M. Plaskitt, Miss F. M. Tosh, Miss C. M. Williams.

POSTINGS AND TRANSFERS AT HOME.—*Staff Nurses*: Miss E. C. Ellis to Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot; Miss H. L. A. Jack, from Alton to Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich; Miss M. C. Johnston to Military Hospital, Devonport; Miss F. M. Tosh to Princess Louise Hospital, Alton.

The following ladies are held in readiness for service abroad:—*Sisters*: Miss A. R. F. Auchmuty, Miss E. M. Denne, Miss K. Pearse. *Staff Nurse*: Miss A. M. Pagan.

The following ladies are due to return from South Africa during the forthcoming Trooping Season:—*Sisters*: Miss E. J. Martin, Miss J. Hoadley, R.R.C., Miss A. Nixon, Miss S. I. Snowdon, Miss M. E. Harding, Miss L. M. Todd, Miss M. Steenson. *Staff Nurse*: Miss A. B. Cameron.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.—*Staff Nurses*: Miss K. A. Allsop, Miss H. L. A. Jack, Miss G. S. Jacob.

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The Dowager Duchess of Westminster opened on Monday afternoon the new Maternity Wards at the London Hospital. These wards, which are on the second floor of the Alexandra wing, consist of three separate wards, about 20 ft. square, for three beds each, with a cubic capacity of 1,650 ft. per bed, and one smaller ward for a separation case. A labour room, with a large bath-room, adjoins; and the suite is complete with scullery, sink rooms, testing lobby, &c., as well as a sitting-room for the Sister in charge. The wards, which are on the south side of the building, open on to a commodious balcony. The whole department is lined with opalite, of a delicate green colour, and the other rooms have mosaic floors. The department owed its being to the liberality of Mr. James Hora, F.R.C.S., a vice-president of the hospital, who gave £10,000 in memory of his wife, Marie Celeste Hora.

The Hon. Sydney Holland, the Chairman, said that the opening of the wards marked an epoch in the history of that hospital, as they were opening a new department which had never before been undertaken. Mr. Hora had that day contributed £1,000 to the endowment fund, so that they had now £400 out of the £1,000 required yearly for its maintenance. The services of the nurses would be available not only in the wards, but among those in need in the surrounding district.

The London Hospital is to be greatly congratulated upon this new departure, both for the sake of the needy mothers and babes in the district, and also for the probationer nurses, as clinical experience is now provided for the latter in the three branches of their work, making a perfect whole—medical, surgical, and obstetric nursing. Once the course of training has been extended to three years in the wards, thus giving the probationers a longer experience in the various divisions, they will be able to avail themselves much more fully of the first-rate opportunities for practical experience gathered together in the wards of the London Hospital.

The resignation of Miss Thorold, Lady Superintendent of the Middlesex Hospital, is contemplated at an early date. Miss Thorold succeeded Miss Martin thirty-one years ago, and has worked through

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