

times paralysis of a very pronounced description follows a very mild attack of diphtheria.

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An Effective Head Covering.

The *American Journal of Nursing* points out that a square of gauze folded triangularly makes a very good head covering for operators and assistants. For the doctors these head coverings are folded in several layers over the forehead to absorb perspira-



A DOCTOR'S HEAD COVERING.



A NURSE'S HEAD COVERING.

tion, and are tied at the back, while for nurses the hair is covered better by tying in front. They are easily washed and ironed. This is a very simple and effective device, and should be borne in mind by private nurses as useful for the surgeon in an emergency, the gauze being easily procured and applied.

THE CENTRAL POOR LAW CONFERENCE.

The 36th Annual Conference of the Central Poor Law was held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 18th and 19th. On Tuesday, the Lord Mayor, Sir John Bell, took the chair, and formally opened the proceedings by extending a cordial welcome to the Delegates present. The chair was subsequently taken by Sir Edward Fry, the President, who, in his address, dwelt upon some of the difficulties encountered in dealing with the problems of poverty. He pointed out that Socialism was making many demands—free education, amusements, the feeding of children, and the probable giving of pensions whether merited or not, would become more and more serious in operation—and such demands had a tendency to increase out of all proportion to national resources of income. What must be guarded against was the destruction of family life and parental responsibility, deterioration of character, independence, and manhood.

Mr. Bailward (late Chairman of the Bethnal Green Board of Guardians) read a paper on the subject for discussion, viz.: "The Relation of Legal Relief and Private Charity," dwelling at length on the past and present history of the ques-

tion. Probably no other question had so much experience behind it, or had had more attention bestowed upon it than the relief of poverty, and now the Conference had to consider what were the respective functions and merits of public and private relief, and methods of co-ordination and co-operation.

Dr. Macnamara (Parliamentary Secretary, Local Government Board) addressed the Conference and congratulated Guardians on the improved conditions in the life of Workhouse children which might now be considered as humane.

The attendance at the Conference was larger than on any previous occasion, 232 Poor Law Unions sending delegates.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

General Lying-in Hospital, York Road, Lambeth, S.E.—Miss Bessie Leonard has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the London Hospital, E., and at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, N.W., and has held the position of Sister at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, N.E., Sister-in-Charge of a Surgical Home, Senior Assistant at the Nurses' Co-operation, New Cavendish Street, W., and Assistant Matron and District Superintendent at the British Lying-in Hospital, Endell Street, W.C.

St. Mark's Hospital, City Road E.C.—Miss Mary L. Appleyard has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, where she held the positions of Ward Sister and Assistant Housekeeper. She has also been Night Superintendent and Assistant Matron at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, and Matron of the Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury.

Bradford Poor-Law Union for Consumption, Eastby, Yorkshire.—Miss Margaret Cox has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Bradford Poor-Law Union Hospital, and has been Sister in Charge of the Bradford Poor-Law Union Sanatorium. She is a certified midwife.

Ancoats Hospital Convalescent Home, Warford.

—Miss E. Hall has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Ancoats Hospital, Manchester, where she has held the position of Sister.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Bedford County Hospital. Miss Evelyn Hastie has been appointed to the post of Assistant Matron at the Bedford County Hospital. She was trained at the Westminster Hospital, London, and has held the post of Sister at the Grimsby General Hospital and at the National Hospital, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, W.C. She has also served on the Gold Coast and in Ceylon in connection with the Colonial Nursing Service.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT.

Acland Nursing Home, Oxford.—Miss Mabel Cotton has been appointed Assistant Superintendent. She was trained at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, where she subsequently held the position of Sister, after which she was

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