

Carrell, at Rockefeller, has been using in his animal surgery, for some years, black cloth to cover the animal instead of white, and his walls are dark green. Dr. Corwin, chief surgeon for the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, lined the operating room of the company's new hospital at Pueblo with lead-coloured sheeting. A number of hospitals have followed this suggestion; and others have turned to green.

Of course, white is a clean colour, and an all-white operating room will lend itself to habits of cleanliness better than any other colour, because dirt of any kind will obtrude itself to such an extent that the nurses or cleaners will have to remove it. Boards of directors like to show their beautiful, white, clean looking operating rooms, and usually the operating suite is one of the show places of the hospital. But this isn't all there is to it, nor are these arguments in favour of white the most convincing.

It would seem that the surgeon whose success is dependent in a very large way on his eyes should have an interest in this matter, and that his comfort and the conservation of his energies are entitled to consideration. Shop efficiency nowadays takes great consideration of the lighting of work benches and the saving of workmen's eyes. Is not the surgeon also a workman, and is not his work about as important as any we can think of?

White is hard and hurtful and tiring on the surgeon's eyes—just think of it, he is looking into a dark cavity, or into a wound blurred with blood, and his success, in a large measure, will depend on how well he can see and identify minute structures. When his eyes tire for a moment and he is trying to "see" with his fingers, he looks away from the field for an instant's eye rest. What does he see? A white operating sheet, white-robed interns and nurses, white floor, white walls, white ceiling, white furniture—nothing on which his tired eye may rest except white; white, emphasized with the glare from the windows. And this goes on, not for a few minutes, but sometimes for hours; some surgeons work from 8 to 1—one patient after another, and always in the white glare.

Is it not time we applied a little shop science to our operating rooms, and quit our "window dressing" methods in hospital work?

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The following new appointments have been made by the Colonial Nursing Association since the last list was published in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING in October, 1913:—

PRIVATE NURSES.

A. E. Drewe (West Norfolk and Lynn Hosp.), to Gold Coast, Prestea Hosp. Previous service: Ceylon Nursing Association, 1898-1902;

N.E. Rhodesia, Fort Jameson, 1904-1906; Sierra Leone, 1908-1911; S. Nigeria Government Hosps., 1911-1913.

M. Price (Eccleshall Inf., Sheffield), to Australia, Victorian Bush Nursing Assoc.

I. Calvert (St. Thomas' Hosp.), to Australia, Victorian Bush Nursing Assoc.

N. Evans (Salop General Inf.), to Mauritius Branch.

J. M. Clay (St. Bartholomew's Hosp.), to Bangkok Nursing Home.

E. Neilson (Royal Inf., Derby), to Bombay, Masina Hosp.

E. Cowlshaw (Royal Inf., Derby), to Bombay, Masina Hosp.

R. M. Currie (Chichester General Inf.), to Bombay, Masina Hosp.

E. L. Firbank (St. Bartholomew's Hosp.), to Shanghai, Victoria Nursing Home. Previous service: Nuwara Eliya Hosp., Ceylon, 1910-1913.

E. Crawford (Western Inf., Glasgow), to Shanghai, Victoria Nursing Home.

S. Turner (The London Hosp.), to Hong Kong, Matilda Hosp.

E. C. Jeffs (Westminster Hosp.), to Japan Branch, Tokio.

F. Bagnall (Guy's Hosp.), to Selangor Nursing Assoc.

F. Buchanan (The London Hosp.), to Shanghai, Victoria Nursing Home.

GOVERNMENT NURSES.

R. Veacock (Edinburgh Royal Inf.), to Gold Coast Government Hosps. Previous service: S. Nigeria Government Hosps., 1909-1913.

P. R. di Menna (Stockport Union Inf.), to Gambia, Colonial Hosp., Bathurst.

G. Mackenzie (Westminster Hosp.), to S. Nigeria Government Hosps.

F. M. Day (St. Mary Islington Inf.), to N. Nigeria Government Hosps. Previous service: S. Nigeria Government Hosps., 1909-1913.

M. Jacombs (Crumpsall Inf., Manchester), to S. Nigeria Government Hosps.

C. Littlewood (Lewisham Inf.), to Sierra Leone Government Hosps. Previous service: S. Nigeria Government Hosps., 1910-1913.

S. E. Whittle (St Thomas' Hosp.), to Basutoland Government Hosps. Leper Settlement. Previous service: Government Hosps. Northern Nigeria, 1905-1907; Federated Malay States Government Hosps., 1909-1912.

E. McCormick (Hackney Inf.), to Basutoland Government Hosps. Leper Settlement.

G. D. Pearson (The London Hosp.), to N. Nigeria Government Hosps.

A. Pordage (Mrs.) (Royal Inf., Bradford), to St. Lucia, Victoria Hosp.

L. Harvey (Mile End Old Town Inf.), to Gold Coast Government Hosps.

J. W. Hamilton (Glasgow Royal Inf.), to Ceylon Government Hosps.

S. Irving (Royal Hosp., Portsmouth), to N. Nigeria Government Hosps.

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