

ROYAL COLLEGE OF ST. KATHARINE.

TRAINING FOR HEALTH VISITORS AND SUPERINTENDENTS OF INFANT WELFARE CENTRES.

Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, the Patron of the Royal College of St Katharine, "Having thought fit of her goodness to declare that the benefits of the foundation of St. Katharine should be restored to the poor of East London," ordered that a Scheme should be drafted for the providing and training of Health Visitors for Infant Welfare.

The Medical Officer of Health arranged that the visiting of infants and children under school age in the Parish of Bromley, within the Metropolitan Borough of Poplar, should be entrusted to the members of the College. At the present time there are about 4,000 infants under the supervision of eleven trained and qualified Health Visitors. Dr. Waller, with the assistance of Dr. Stuart Robertson, is responsible for the Infant Consultations.

The importance of Infant Welfare work, in view of the diminishing birth rate and the heavy losses incurred in the war, is being recognised by the public, and an increasing number of Health Visitors will be appointed by Health Authorities throughout the country in the near future.

THREE YEARS' COURSE.

During the first and second year the course of training will include theoretical and practical work.

TRAINING IN THEORY.

The time devoted to training in theory (equivalent to three University terms' full work) will be taken at the Household and Social Science Department, King's College for Women (University of London).

SUBJECTS.

Physiology, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Economics, Hygiene, Public Health, Domestic Economy.

Courses of Lectures will be given by the Chaplain and others on the religious basis of Social Work.

TRAINING IN PRACTICE.

The practical training will include:—

(1) Three months' full training in practical work at a Maternity Centre, attendance at Infant Consultations, and visiting in the homes of children under the supervision of a qualified Health Visitor.

(2) Three months' experience in the office of a Hospital Almoner, of a District Committee of the Charity Organisation Society, or in the work of School Care Committees.

(3) Instruction in giving lectures.

At the end of the second year Students will take the examination for the Sanitary Inspector's Certificate.

The third year will be devoted to the acquisition of practical experience in nursing children in hospital, and to the training necessary to obtain the Certificate of the Central Midwives' Board.

FEES.

Inclusive fees for board, residence and tuition, £100 per annum.

The Chapter are considering the advisability of granting a limited number of bursaries.

VACATION.

Six weeks will be given during the year.

KATHARINE S. MACQUEEN,
Principal.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Skilpton - in - Craven Joint Infectious Diseases Hospital.—Miss Edith Cutter has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Bethnal Green Infirmary, and the Huddersfield Sanatorium, and has been Ward Sister at the Huddersfield Sanatorium and the City Hospital, East Liverpool; Night Superintendent at the City Hospital, North Liverpool, Sister-in-Charge at the Hove Sanatorium, and Assistant Matron at the Ladywell Sanatorium, Salford.

Wolverhampton General Hospital Convalescent Home, Penn.—Miss Margaret Farrar has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the County Hospital, York, and has been Sister and Night Superintendent in the same institution.

Winchcombe Cottage Hospital, Gloucestershire.—Miss H. Bacon has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and has since held an appointment at Bourton-on-the-Water.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Birkenhead Union Infirmary.—Miss Alice Guest has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Bagthorpe Infirmary, Nottingham, and has held appointments at the Jessop Hospital, Sheffield, and the Infirmary, Spalding.

SISTER.

Maidstone Union Infirmary.—Miss Winifred Alice Arter has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at the Paddington Infirmary, Harrow Road, W.

NIGHT SISTER.

Manchester Children's Hospital, Pendlebury.—Miss E. Wain has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the York County Hospital, where she has been Holiday Sister.

County Hospital, York.—Miss Helen M. Lapham has been appointed Night Superintendent. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Bradford, and has been Sister at the Royal Eye and Ear Hospital, Bradford, and Ward Sister at the County Hospital, York.

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TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Elizabeth McClymont is appointed to Kingston as Superintendent. Miss McClymont received general training at Brownlow Hill Infirmary, district training at Liverpool (North), and holds the C.M.B. certificate. She has held various appointments under the Institute, includ-

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