

the guests in every ward by the Sisters. The patients, as well as everyone else, appeared to enjoy the occasion thoroughly. Before leaving we turned our steps to the "Nurses' Home," and rested a little in the sitting-room.

Our surprise and disappointment were great—the contrast was so sharp. We are assured that the hospital is richly endowed; then we wonder the more that nothing better can be provided for the Nurses than this sunless, cheerless and shabby room. The worst feature is the obvious signs of damp. The surface of the walls is falling away from the corroding effect of excessive damp. If the L.C.C. had powers of inspection over hospitals as over other buildings, we feel sure that such a room would be condemned for its unhealthiness. What do parents say, who come to see the accommodation which their daughters will have when entering as probationers? Can they be satisfied? We wonder also what subscribers would say! Do they know it? Doubtless they do *not*.

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QUEEN MARY'S HOME.

We are not surprised that a stranger should be shocked at the inadequacy of the Nurses' Home at Bart's, and it is to be hoped that a real effort is at last to be made to supply decent accommodation for the Nursing staff. It is a very great reflection upon the wealthiest city in the world that a makeshift should have been permitted so long.

The Prince of Wales, in accepting the position of President of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, alluded to the proposal to provide a new Home for the nursing staff, and expressed the hope that the scheme might meet with complete success. The Queen has intimated her readiness to give her name to the Home, which is to be called "Queen Mary's Home (or Hostel) for St. Bartholomew's Nurses."

It has been decided that the building shall be within the precincts of the hospital, and shall be erected with an accommodation for 500 persons on the land at the south-east of the hospital site extending from the Post Office boundary wall to the Little Britain gateway. At least £150,000 will be required for the undertaking, and it is hoped that the Governors individually and the public as well will make a generous response to the appeal.

A REVISED SCALE OF PAY.

A revised scale of pay has been instituted for Sisters and Nurses. Ward Sisters are to receive £75 per annum, increasing £5 every three years to £90. Probationers in training are to have £14 in the first year, £18 in the second, £22 in the third, and £35 in the fourth. Certificated nurses remaining in service after the completion of their four year's contract are to receive £40 per annum.

A WISE DECISION.

It was announced at the annual meeting of St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner, that a decision had been come to to rebuild the hospital on the present site. Hospital managers are

beginning to realise that to be in the centre of things is a great asset, where funds are required. The noise of traffic is the one great disadvantage of building at Hyde Park Corner. Modern science should do something to mitigate this serious trial to the sick.

IN GRATITUDE FOR WHAT OUR BOYS HAVE DONE.

Mr. Dan Mason, of Chiswick, a Vice-President of the West London Hospital, Hammersmith, has announced his intention of providing a new out-patient department "in gratitude for what our boys have done in the war." This is a great send-off to the appeal, which is being launched for £100,000 for an urgently needed enlargement of the hospital as a war memorial for West London.

SEA AIR AND SUNSHINE.

The foundation-stone of the new pavilion for the Hayling Island branch of the Alton Hospital for Crippled Children was laid by Sir William Treloar on Primrose Day, in the presence of Sir William Dunn, his co-trustees, Miss Treloar, and a number of friends. The new pavilion, to contain 50 beds, will supplement the valuable work done for tuberculous crippled children at Alton, as it is believed that the combination of sea air with sunshine will greatly help suitable cases, and incidentally forward scientific research on a subject that has proved of deep national concern.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRONS.

Edge View Sanatorium, Kinver, Staffordshire.—Miss Margaret F. Macintyre, A.R.R.C., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow. She has been Sister at the Bridge of Weir Sanatorium, N.B.; Out-Patient and Massage Sister, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge; Night Superintendent, Fulham Infirmary; Assistant Matron at the Infirmary, Isleworth; Superintendent of Queen Charlotte's Nurses' Home, and Matron of the Durham County Sanatorium. Since August, 1914, Miss Macintyre has been with the T.F.N.S. at the Third London General Hospital.

Miss Mabel Jeffrey, who has been on the French Flag Nursing Corps for three years, has been appointed for twelve months' service in Serbia. She leaves about the middle of June, and will, we feel sure, find her new sphere of duty extremely interesting.

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TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Olive Goddard is appointed to Gloucestershire C.N.A., as Assist. Supt. and Health Visitor; Miss Annie Aldridge is appointed to Darlaston; Miss Emily J. Allen, to Willenhall; Miss Annie L. Bailey, to Gloucester; Miss Helen Foulkes, to Central St. Pancras; Miss Edith A. Gardner, to Hastings; Miss Frances E. Morrison, to Manchester (Salford); Miss Amy L. Pell, to Rawtenstall; Miss Gladys M. Roberts, to Kidderminster; and Miss Margaret Stead, to Tettenhall.

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