

position of School Nurse under the Cheltenham Education Committee, School Nurse under the Bedfordshire County Council, and Matron of the Whitley Military Hospital, Chelsea. She has also served abroad.

#### HEALTH VISITOR.

**Métropolitan Borough of Woolwich.**—Miss Hannah Weir has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at Ecclesall Infirmary, where she temporarily held the position of Ward Sister. She has also been Ward Sister at Chesterfield Infirmary, and Health Visitor and School Nurse under St. Helen's Corporation.

### SERBIA UNDER TYPHUS IN 1915.

An extraordinarily interesting lecture was given by Colonel Sir William Hunter at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, South Kensington, recently on "Serbia under Typhus in 1915." General Sir Alfred Keogh, Rector of the College, presided, and said that when Lord Kitchener asked him whether it would be possible to send a British Force to Serbia, to assist the Serbians in repelling the Austrian attack, when an epidemic had deprived Serbia of both military and civil power, he came to the conclusion that the epidemic was typhus, and that it must be stamped out if a British Army was to go there. Sir Alfred Keogh (then Director-General) sent Colonel Hunter to accomplish this difficult mission, and how brilliantly he dealt with that epidemic those realised who listened to his matter of fact and modest account of his services. The slides with which the lecture was illustrated were most instructive. Colonel Hunter described how the Serbians defeated and drove the Austrians out of Serbia, but the latter left the dreaded typhus behind them. It spread rapidly, doubling itself every day. When Colonel Hunter reached the country a quarter of the Serbian medical men had died of typhus, and half of them were down with it, leaving only one quarter to deal with the situation. When the British Mission arrived at Nish the epidemic was increasing by leaps and bounds. He had to deal with the problem of prevention, and formed conclusions as to the best methods which he put into force on March 15th. The sky and sea would not suffice to paint the sorrow of Serbia at that time.

He graphically likened the case of a typhus patient to a ship in a storm. "You cannot," he said, "quell the storm, but you may save the ship."

He insisted that the epidemic was not due to the sanitary arrangements, but to infection by lice, and his object was to drive home to every man and woman in Serbia that it must be combated. He showed how wine barrel disinfectors, introduced by Lieut.-Colonel Stammers, were widely used with the best results, that stopping leave from the Army, and suspending railway traffic prevented the spread of infection, and the result of central control was that when the ten days of the incubation period had passed, the effect of the preventative measures taken was demonstrated, and the epidemic abated.

### "GOD SAVE THE KING."

At the St. Pancras Council:—  
Councillor Flight (Labour), Chairman of the Highways Committee: It will be a good thing for England when Bolshevism is here.  
Several Councillors.—Shame! Shame!  
Miss Beatrice Kent: I protest. God save the King! (Loud cheers.)

### NURSES' CASE BOOK.

The Surgical Manufacturing Co., Ltd., 83-85, Mortimer Street, London, W. 1, and at 8, Park Quadrant, Glasgow, have just brought out a new edition of their "Nurses' Case Book," which they will be pleased to send, free of charge, to any Nurses.

The book is certainly well arranged, and would be very useful to private nurses, showing at a glance those details which the medical attendant requires to know.

### JOY.

To-day, whatever may annoy,  
The word for me is Joy, just simple Joy:  
The joy of life;  
The joy of children and of wife;  
The joy of bright blue skies;  
The joy of rain; the glad surprise  
Of twinkling stars that shine at night;  
The joy of winged things upon their flight;  
The joy of noon-day, and the tried  
True joyousness of eventide;  
The joy of labour, and of mirth;  
The joy of air, and sea, and earth—  
The countless joys that ever flow from Him  
Whose vast beneficence doth dim  
The lustrous light of day,  
And lavish gifts divine upon our way.  
Whate'er there be of Sorrow  
I'll put off till To-morrow,  
And when To-morrow comes, why then,  
'Twill be To-day and Joy again!

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### COMING EVENTS.

April 10th.—Meeting Irish Matrons' Association, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. 7.30 p.m.

April 10th.—General Meeting, Irish Nurses' Association, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. 8 p.m.

April 16th.—Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses. Meeting Executive Committee, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 4 p.m.

April 24th.—Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses. Meeting, Council Chamber, by kind permission of the British Medical Association, 429, Strand, W.C. 2.30 p.m.

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