

agreed to make a grant of £25,000 towards the cost of important extensions contemplated at the High-bury and Uffculme Hospitals, the first given by Mr. Austen Chamberlain to the citizens of Birmingham for the hospital treatment of ex-service men, and a gift for a like purpose made by Mr. and Mrs. Barrow Cadbury, of the house known as "Uffculme." The furnishing of both those residences was generously undertaken by the employes of Messrs. Kynoch. Towards the cost of alterations and extensions a grant of £10,000 was made by the Joint Committee of the British Red Cross and the Order of St. John. It is hoped that with these sums, together with £5,000 to be found by the citizens of Birmingham, it will be possible to provide 320 beds at the two hospitals, up-to-date operation theatres, treatment and electrical rooms and gymnasium, with the necessary heating and water supplies, and provide the requisite accommodation for the increased resident staff.

Sir L. Worthington-Evans stated recently in the House of Commons that the number of soldiers who during the war became totally deaf through shell shock or other causes could not be stated, but approximately 30,000 had been pensioned for deafness of greater or less degree. Medical Boards were instructed to recommend a course of tuition in lip-reading where this degree of deafness was such as to render this desirable. Lip-reading classes were held in London at the Ministry's aural clinic (28, Park Crescent, Regent's Park) and at thirty other centres throughout the country.

A public appeal will be issued shortly for the necessary funds for a new nurses' home at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool. The matter has been under consideration for some time, and it is becoming urgent.

## THE PASSING BELL.

### A GREAT PROFESSIONAL EDITOR.

It is with deep regret that we record the death from cerebral hæmorrhage, at her summer home, Forest Lawn, N.Y., on April 27th, of Miss Sophia F. Palmer, Editor-in-Chief of the *American Journal of Nursing* from its foundation. Miss Palmer, who was descended from John and Priscilla Alden, began her professional career at the Massachusetts General Hospital in 1876, when Miss Linda Richards was Superintendent of Nurses, and retired from active nursing work, when Superintendent of the City Hospital, Rochester, N.Y., to make the editing of the *American Journal of Nursing*, which she had carried on for nine months with her other work, her chief occupation; for when American nurses established their professional journal they naturally sought a distinguished nurse as editor. Miss Palmer attended the Congress of Nurses at the World's Fair, Chicago, in 1893, and the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses in London in 1909. She was First President of the New York State Board of Nurse Examiners, holding this office

during the constructive period, when principles were established which have since been applied in all registration work in the United States of America. The *American Journal of Nursing* states that "there was not a nursing interest in the country in which she had not a part, either actively or as an adviser. Her loss will be felt in every branch of the profession; our best memorial to her is to carry forward in the best and highest sense the work to which she gave her life."

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**War Memorial Maternity Home, Borough of Wandsworth.**—Miss E. E. Wearing has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Liverpool Hospital for Women, and has been Staff Nurse at the District Nurses' Home, Plaistow; Ward Sister at the Chelsea Hospital for Women; and Matron at the Ilford Urban District Council Maternity Home.

**Royal Victoria and West Hants Hospital, Boscombe.**—Miss Betty Walker has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Lambeth Infirmary, and has served as a member of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve; and was for three years Matron of the Military Hospital, at Prees Heath; Sister and Matron's Assistant at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol; Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Warminster, and Matron of Parc Wern Auxiliary Hospital, Swansea. She has been mentioned in dispatches and awarded the Royal Red Cross (First Class).

**Batley and District Hospital.**—Miss Helen Gardner has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Ancoats Hospital, Manchester, where she subsequently held the positions of Sister, Theatre Sister and Assistant Matron. She has been Home Sister and Theatre Sister at the Victoria Hospital, Blackpool; and Matron of the Malton and District Hospital.

### SISTER.

**Grosvenor Hospital for Women, Vincent Square, S.W.**—Miss Mary E. Aston has been appointed Theatre Sister. She was trained at the Middlesex Hospital, and been Ward Sister and Theatre Sister at the Norwood Cottage Hospital, and Assistant Home Sister at the Middlesex Hospital.

Miss M. B. Johnson has been appointed Sister in the same institution. She was trained at the Dreadnought Hospital, Greenwich, and the Hospital for Women, Soho Square; and been Sister at the Staffordshire General Hospital, and at the Bedford County Hospital.

## THE NURSING AND MIDWIFERY CONFERENCE.

Nurses and midwives should make a note of the dates June 22nd to 25th, on which the Nursing and Midwifery Exhibition will be held (as in pre-war days) in the fine large Horticultural Hall in Vincent Square, London, S.W. The Exhibition will be open from noon to 9 each day. The Conference will be held in a room upstairs, and will be restricted to two days:—June 23rd, Nursing, and June 24th, Midwifery. It is hoped also to arrange some interesting professional exhibits. Tickets for the Exhibition and Conference will be sent free to nurses and midwives applying to the Secretary, 22-24, Great Portland Street, London, W., enclosing stamped envelope.

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