

HONOURS FOR NURSES.

The War Office announces that the following are among the Decorations and Medals awarded by the Allied Powers at various dates to the British Forces for distinguished services rendered during the course of the campaign. The King has given unrestricted permission in all cases to wear the Decorations in question:—

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

CROIX DE GUERRE.

Staff Nurse S. C. Burd, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (Res.); Staff Nurse A. R. Colhoun (now Mrs. Crofton), Q.A.I.M.N.S. (Res.); Late Staff Nurse M. S. Dewar, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (Res.); Staff Nurse E. Garrett, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (Res.); Staff Nurse A. Lewis, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (Res.); Late Staff Nurse M. Marshall, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (Res.).

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Committee of the National Relief Fund, having taken into consideration representations made to it that financial difficulties are limiting their work to such an extent as to threaten widespread distress among the poorer classes in need of hospital treatment, and after consultation with the Minister of Health, have decided to appropriate the sum of £700,000 towards meeting the outstanding liabilities of the voluntary hospitals of the United Kingdom, incurred during the five years ending December 31, 1919, as a result of the war.

A further announcement as to the distribution of the grant will be made towards the end of next month. The Committee have decided to wind up the Fund at an early date.

Lord Knutsford has stated to a representative of the press, that unless some superlative philanthropist will endow the London Hospital to the extent of £2,000,000 or more, the alternatives are Government aid, and the closing of the Hospital.

The Committee of Management of the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, N.E., hope at the end of the present year to be able to make a very satisfactory statement as to the financial position of the hospital. The £11,000 received from the King's Fund has helped to reduce the debt of £30,000, and the Special Appeal Committee has done splendid work in bringing its needs to the attention of the public in the district. A "Lest We Forget" carnival and procession through North-East London will take place on August 28, in aid of the £50,000 appeal of the Hospital.

The designs of Messrs. H. Percy Adams, F.R.I.B.A., and Chas. H. Holden, A.R.I.B.A.,

have been selected for the proposed extension of the Great Northern Hospital, Holloway. Architects who have specialised in hospital construction were invited to compete, and Sir Aston Webb, P.R.A., acted as assessor of the plans.

The 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth Common, is about to cease its existence as a war hospital. During the six years the hospital has been in existence it treated 62,708 patients, no fewer than 7,000 of these passing through the massage department. Practically every nation that participated in the war sent men for treatment.

There is at present a debt of £10,000 on the Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital in spite of the fact that its income last year was very much larger than it has been in any year since 1910.

THE SOCIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE HOSPITAL.

Anyone who is familiar with hospital routine would readily define the business management of the hospital as that branch of the hospital administration which embraces accounting, cost accounting, rate-making, office management, purchasing, stock keeping, the fixing of wages, the management of employees, and the preparation of the budget. Not yet, however, has there been developed a clear conception of the scope and significance of the social management of the hospital.

The term "social management" at first suggests social service, but hospital social service has to do with the social aspects of diagnosis and treatment, and its logical classification is under the head of medical service, of which it is a specialized form. Another possible connotation of the term social management is what is coming to be known as the "community relations of the hospital," a term which is most frequently used to cover the study of community needs and the adjustment of the hospital program to meet those needs, whether through individual hospital effort, co-operative hospital organisation, wider co-operation between hospitals and other social agencies, or finally, a complete community system of medical care. These are aspects of hospital management that fortunately are now receiving a great deal of attention; confusion will, perhaps, be avoided if we continue, in our discussion of them, to use the term community relations, and make other use of the term social management.

In calling attention to the social management of the hospital, I have in mind the attitude of the hospital toward, and its method of dealing with, certain problems of a non-medical character, affecting larger or smaller groups of individuals.

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