

FLOATING HOSPITALS FOR BABES AND MOTHERS.

For the past thirty years we have from time to time recommended Floating Hospitals for Young Children and Babies on the Thames and on other tidal rivers. Such hospitals have been organised in great perfection in the United States and float in and out of fine harbours all through the summer, that at Boston, Mass., being a model, a magnificent four-decker floating hospital. We note the *Liverpool Courier* puts forth the suggestion that Liverpool should have a floating hospital, as a "somewhat novel proposal," made at the annual meeting of the Child Welfare Association by Dr. A. Dingwall Fordyce. There is nothing novel about this excellent scheme, but it is none the worse for that. No doubt if it is adopted in Liverpool, the Children's Floating Hospital in the Mersey will be thoroughly well done. The mothers and babies greatly appreciate the day trips.

The Boston Floating Hospital announces its twenty-second annual Post Graduate Course for Nurses, extending from the latter part of June to about the middle of September, 1921. The hospital accommodates over 200 permanent and day patients. Daily and nightly harbour trips are made. Instruction consists of lectures by the Visiting and Auxiliary staff. Food laboratory work, and ward and class instruction. Lectures cover the anatomy and physiology of normal infants, infant feeding, gastro-enteric diseases, the common diseases of infancy and childhood, surgical nursing, contagious and skin diseases. Food laboratory work covers the study of milk, pasteurization, modifications, cereal diluents, &c., and includes practical work under the supervisor of the laboratory and the nurse instructor. Ward instruction consists in demonstration of bed making, preparation of beds for premature infants, bathing, feeding, irrigations, etc. Class instruction consists of lessons in printing, uniform charting, arithmetical process of computing calories, and formulæ for percentage feeding, dietaries for older children, making solutions for infusion, etc. The course offers unusual opportunities for the study of infant nursing, and for nurses preparing for infant welfare work along preventive lines. Diplomas are given to those who pass a creditable examination in the lectures and do satisfactory work in the wards. Graduate nurses from recognised training schools giving at least two years' training in general nursing are eligible for this course. Early written applications should be made to Superintendent of Nurses, 40, Wigglesworth Street, Boston, Mass.

HONOURS FOR NURSES.

Permission has been given to the undermentioned to wear the decoration awarded by an Allied Power for distinguished service during the war:

PALMES ACADEMIE.

Officier.—Staff Nurse Meta Elizabeth Stack, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (R.).

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Uxbridge Road, W.—Miss Olive Summerhill, A.R.R.C., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham; and has been Charge Sister at the 1st Southern General Hospital, Birmingham; and Night Sister and Deputy Matron at the Tolworth Isolation Hospital, Surbiton.

Beverley Dispensary and Hospital, Beverley.—Miss Mabel E. Young has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Hull, where she has held the position of Assistant Matron.

Croydon Borough Sanatorium, North Cheam.—Miss Sarah Williams has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Hospital, Bristol; and has been Assistant Matron of the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Night Sister at the General Hospital, Croydon; Sister and temporary House-keeper at the Swansea General and Eye Hospital; and Matron, Second Eastern General Hospital, Brighton, T.F.N.S.; and of the 21st General Hospital, Alexandria.

NIGHT SISTER.

Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester.—Miss Irene Abrahams has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the Jessop Hospital for Women; and at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield.

SISTER.

York County Hospital.—Miss Rosamund Dew has been appointed Sister of the Women's Medical Ward. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, S.E.; and has been Sister at the Memorial Hospital, Mildmay Park, N.

Holgate Institution Infirmary, Linthorpe.—Miss Harriet L. Walker has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Middlesbrough Infirmary.

St. Leonard's Hospital, Shoreditch.—Miss Mary Morgan has been appointed Sister of the Children's Ward, Miss Edith Kelly of the Women's Ward, and Miss E. R. Tait, Maternity Sister. They were all trained in the same institution and are certified midwives.

SCHOOL NURSE.

County Borough of Burton-on-Trent.—Mrs. A. H. Young has been appointed School Nurse. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol; and has been Staff Nurse at the Military Hospital, Endell-street, W.C. She has also had experience of private nursing.

Rutland County Council.—Miss Winifred Beatrice Neal has been appointed School Nurse. She was trained at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading; and has been Sister at the Grove Hospital, Tooting Grove.

HEALTH VISITOR.

Urban District Council, Dartford.—Miss Ethel Isabella Devenish-Mears has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at King's College Hospital.

RESIGNATIONS.

Miss J. C. Child writes from the Government Hospital, Basutoland, that she is resting on sick leave prior to returning home on her retirement, on pension, from service in South Africa. She leaves South Africa with many regrets, having had a very happy time of service and made many friends. She has the usual longing for her own "cabbage patch," but in which hemisphere of the world it is to be located she has apparently not made up her mind. Anyway, her many friends in this country will be very glad to welcome her on her return home, whether for a permanency or temporarily.

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