

upon her appointment as Assistant Matron to the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool.

Miss Grace M. Hooper, Home Sister, upon her appointment as Assistant Matron to the Stockport Infirmary.

Miss Marion Stoneley, Out-Patient Sister, upon her appointment as Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Skegness.

Miss Laura Trimming, Sister of Division 1, to take up Fever work in a London hospital.

Miss Marie V. Winters, Tutor Sister, upon her appointment as Matron to the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro.

SCHOOL OF MASSAGE.

On the recommendation of the Medical Committee, the Monthly Board agreed to the opening of a School of Massage, but it is recorded, with much regret, that so far no suitable applications for the post of Teacher have been received. It is hoped, however, to open this new Department as quickly as possible.

NEW NURSES' HOME.

The New Nurses' Home, "Erected by Public Subscription as a Memorial to the Noble Men and Women of the City and County who fell in the Great War," is in course of erection, and it is hoped will be ready for occupation by the end of 1922.

FURNISHING OF THE NEW NURSES' HOME.

As the present equipment of the Nurses' quarters will be insufficient for the New Home, a Bazaar will be held at the Hospital on November 1st, 2nd and 4th, 1922, in aid of the furnishing. A provisional Committee has been formed, to which Mr. E. B. Stocker and Captain A. S. Bright have kindly consented to act as Honorary Secretaries. It is hoped that the Stalls will be representative of the widely-spread Districts whence patients are treated in the Hospital. Entertainments of various kinds have been promised, and the Sisters and Nurses have already made excellent headway with the provision for their own Stalls. An Appeal is made to former members of the Nursing Staff, who are now working elsewhere, to give some help to the object, either in money or in kind.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT FUND.

In response to a Special Appeal for funds to this object, a very handsome sum was realised, which made it possible for each Patient and Member of the Staff to receive a suitable and serviceable gift, in addition to providing the whole of the Christmas Fare and various Entertainments on a more liberal scale than heretofore, without calling upon the Hospital Funds. It is desired, therefore, to accord most grateful thanks to the old, and large number of new, donors, who so willingly and generously helped with money, and to many other kind friends who helped by their seasonable gifts in kind and personal service, to make this Christmas one of the happiest that have been held in the Institution.

THANKS TO STAFF.

In conclusion, I desire to say that despite a busy and difficult year, my Assistants and Nurses have performed their work most faithfully and ably, and to express my grateful thanks to them for their loyal devotion to the Institution; the splendid spirit of harmony and co-operation being responsible to a great extent for whatever success we may have achieved during the year.

(Signed) H. M. KENDALL,

Matron.

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BIRMINGHAM AND THREE COUNTIES CENTRE.

On March 21st, in the Lecture Theatre of the General Hospital, Birmingham (by kind permission of the Governors), Dr. Leonard Parson, M.D., gave the third of his interesting series of lectures on "Diseases of Children."

The lecturer selected for his theme "Acute Rheumatism," and impressed upon his audience that all treatment must have for its basis the prevention of heart disease.

Acute rheumatism in children is unknown before the age of two years, is extremely rare before five, and usually shows itself between seven and ten; there is often a history of family predisposition, the temperature is low, there are no joint swellings, and no acid sweats. The characteristic symptoms are recurrent sore throat, muscular pain, nodules in the tendons and fascia, headache, chorea and nervous symptoms, slight arthritis, sub-normal temperature, anaemia, and heart symptoms, usually myocarditis.

The treatment consists of rest in bed varying from three to six months after the acute attack has subsided, and in the administration of salicylate of soda with equal doses of bicarbonate of soda, from 30-120 grains in twenty-four hours.

The lecturer regarded chorea as being entirely the result of rheumatism—the nervous instability, the lack of muscular control, the inability to fix the glance, the quick smile being symptoms of the disease, and in the more severe type loss of speech or restlessness and shouting.

The eventual heart lesion is usually mitral stenosis. The only treatment is rest in bed, hot packs or sponging, and massage to induce sleep. Chloral and bromide may be given, and salicylate of soda.

The lecturer did not advocate arsenic owing to the danger of peripheral neuritis, but as convalescence advances massage and re-educational exercises to correct the habit-spasms. School is contra-indicated for at least six months.

Latent rheumatism may be diagnosed in fidgety children complaining of occasional headache, and occasionally running a temperature.

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