

The Metropolitan Asylums Board have voted the sum of ninety-five guineas in respect of the services rendered by the examiners in the April, 1922, examination of Nurses at the infectious hospitals, such sum to be divided as follows:—Principal Examiner (Chief medical officer, infectious hospitals service, Dr. F. F. Caiger), 38 guineas; Assistant Examiners: Medical Superintendent, Eastern Hospital (Dr. J. Wilkins), 38 guineas; Matron, North-Western Hospital (Miss H. H. Reeves), 19 guineas.

Members of the Rotherham Rotary Club, at their weekly luncheon, entertained a number of lady guests, including the Mayoress and the Matron of the Rotherham Hospital. The speaker was Miss Buckle, Superintendent of the Rotherham District Nursing Association, who gave an interesting account of the origin and development of the work in which the association is engaged.

Stressing the fact that they were "Queen's Nurses" as well as district nurses, she spoke of the advantages of their central organisation in London. At the present time they had four nurses besides herself, and if they could have ten nurses by next November there would be work for them. At Rotherham they were about twenty years behind the times in starting their work, and if was for the people of that town to say what was to be made of it. Councillor W. Brooke presided.

At a recent meeting of the Tolworth Isolation Hospital the Chairman, Mr. J. E. Bignall, J.P., read a letter from Miss J. M. Seddon, the superintendent of the hospital, stating that in view of her approaching marriage she must ask the Board to accept her resignation. Her term of office had been a very happy one, and it was with very mixed feelings that she contemplated leaving the hospital. Mr. Bignall added that it was also with mixed feelings that he read that letter. On behalf of the Board he expressed their extreme regret at the prospect of losing Miss Seddon, who had rendered very valuable and important service to the hospital in the position which she had so ably filled. At the same time he congratulated her very heartily on the prospect that was now opening out before her, and he was sure they all hoped that her married life would be one of very great happiness. Miss Seddon thanked the Board, and in reply to the Chairman said she would remain until the end of August, and if necessary into September. Mr.

Ray, as one who took a prominent part in the selection of Miss Seddon three and a half years ago, paid a high tribute to her for the services she had rendered to the hospital.

The *Daily Mail* opened a correspondence on the "Autocracy of Hospital Matrons," which was shut up with a snap. *John Bull*, under the heading of "Weary of the Wards," made a statement that "in one London Hospital over forty nurses recently handed in their resignations." We cannot corroborate this. History repeats itself if it is true. In the year 1878, when the redoubtable Miss Burt attacked nursing abuses at Guy's Hospital, forty nurses were one morning seen in the courtyard sitting on their boxes awaiting transport to pastures new. It can be well imagined the excitement aroused in the Borough by this upheaval.

A new nurses' home at the County Hospital, Guildford, the war memorial of the Surrey branch of the Red Cross Society, will be opened on July 22nd.

The true nursing spirit is shown by Miss Augustaj Mueller, a graduate nurse, who has accepted a five years' appointment at the Presbyterian Hospital, Point Barrow, Alaska, the largest Eskimo village in Alaska, and having a population of seven white people and 600 Eskimos. At present there is only one nurse at the hospital—the only one within a radius of 1,000 miles—Miss Florence Bakin, of Brooklyn, who is badly overworked. Miss Mueller, who is twenty-three years of age, read the appeal for an assistant for Miss Bakin, and having convinced the authorities of her earnestness and suitability, was selected, and signed a five years' contract. Miss Mueller stated to the representative of a contemporary that the authorities were careful that she should not go into the new work without a complete understanding of its requirements, but that understanding has only added to her determination, and she is looking forward to her work at Point Barrow with the highest interest, and a keen appreciation of the opportunity it presents, not only to enable her to fulfil the real object of her profession, to aid the suffering, but also for increasing her professional experience.

Miss Mueller will go north by passenger steamer from Seattle to Nome. There the regular service ends, and for the last ten days of the journey will be made on the U.S. revenue cutter "Bear."

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