

survey of the situation does not indicate that the income of the private duty nurse is at present a generally exorbitant one when we take into account the extent of her unemployment. If this factor be allowed for, the margin between the average annual income of the private duty nurse and that of the domestic servant is not so great as to permit of the existence of an intermediate grade on a salary level very much lower than that of the present registered nurse."

(To be continued.)

HOSPITAL WORLD.

Mr. Lionel Faudel-Phillips, Treasurer of Bethlem and Bridewell Royal Hospitals, has addressed a letter to the Governors on the administration of these institutions, in which he states that in the near future the Governors have to consider a very important question bearing on the administration of the charity.

The present Bethlem Hospital building was erected in 1815, and though of sound structure, does not lend itself readily to adaptation to meet modern medical requirements for the treatment of mental and nervous disorders. The ground available for the exercise of patients is, at most, only some five acres, which is inadequate to provide many helpful means of outdoor treatment. The fifty nurses on the female side are housed in the wards, which, he points out, is an entirely improper arrangement, and one which tends to discourage the nursing unit.

He further alludes to the great difficulty experienced in obtaining the services of suitable young women as nurses. The Governors offer an adequate salary, good weekly and annual leave, with pay, and the established custom of pension when past pay, and it is hoped that the difficulty of securing young nurses is but a passing phase. It is, however, one which is scarcely likely to be diminished so long as the sleeping arrangements remain as described.

A slight outbreak of fire occurred at the Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway, on Thursday, August 16th, about 6 p.m. Some woodwork in the kitchen became ignited through the "boiling over" of a pan of fat. The alarm was given at once, and the Hospital Fire Brigade soon had the outbreak under control before the arrival of the London Fire Brigade. As the kitchen is situated on the top story of the building, well away from the wards, patients suffered no inconvenience or alarm. The evening meal was served at the usual time, a second kitchen being utilised for the purpose and the ordinary routine of the Hospital was resumed in less than half an hour. The Hospital Fire Brigade deserve commendation for the prompt manner in which they proceeded to their stations and carried out the duties allotted to

them at practice drill, which are held regularly under expert supervision.

The Gloucester Health Committee has decided to ask the Ministry of Health to hold an official inquiry into the circumstances of the recent small-pox outbreak in the city.

APPOINTMENTS.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

General Infirmary, Stockport.—Miss G. Wilding, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the General Hospital, Bolton, and has held the position of Sister at the General Hospital, Stockport, Pupil Housekeeper at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, and Assistant Matron at St. Chad's Hospital, Birmingham. As a member of Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve she served at home and abroad during the war. She is a Certified Midwife.

SISTER-IN-CHARGE.

Iver, Denham and Langley Cottage Hospital.—Miss H. Pitts, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister-in-Charge. She was trained at the Staincliffe Infirmary, Dewsbury, and during the war held appointments at the 2nd General Hospital, Manchester, and the Ministry of Pensions Hospitals at Sunderland and Knotty Ash. She has had experience of district and private nursing, and is a Certified Midwife.

SCHOOL NURSE.

Open-Air School, Plymouth.—Miss Muriel E. White has been appointed School Nurse under the Plymouth Education Authority. She was trained at the Bristol Hospital for Sick Children and the Royal Infirmary in the same city, and has had experience of private nursing.

HEALTH VISITOR.

Borough of Chatham.—Miss M. A. Bell has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool, and has held the position of Temporary Health Visitor for the Invalid Children's Association in that city. She has also had experience of private nursing.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

To be Staff Nurses: Miss M. B. Brodrick-English, Jan. 6th, 1923; Miss L. A. Clancy, Jan. 10th, 1923; Miss H. Wilson, Jan. 15th, 1923; Miss B. J. Caines, Jan. 17th, 1923.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MILITARY FAMILIES NURSING SERVICE.

Miss D. Filmer to be Staff Nurse, Jan. 1st, 1923.

THE PASSING BELL.

We much regret to record the death of Miss Margaret J. McLaren of the South Kensington Nurses' Co-operation. Miss MacLaren was trained at Guy's Hospital, and when war broke out went with the 5th Unit B.R.C.S. to France, October, 1914. Transferred six months later to Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve, she was in France until 1917. Transferred to Chatham Military Hospital and demobilised April, 1919. On demobilisation joined the South Kensington Nurses' Co-operation. Passed away on August 11th, 1923, after an operation in a Nursing Home. She was a sister of Miss Mary McLaren, Matron, Amoa House, Cleland, Lanarkshire.

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