

and had to go ashore at each port of call and interview patients. So ended my one attempt at a holiday—in a greater rush than I would have had by not going. However, my term of agreement expires in April and I have not heard whether another nurse will be appointed for here, or whether I shall be given the chance to carry on.

HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Prince of Wales opened on Friday a new hospital at the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage, Twickenham, as a memorial to the members of the force who fell in the war.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Minister of Health, recently paid an informal visit of inspection to the new pathological laboratories at Hollymoor Asylum, Birmingham, which have been established in connection with the scheme of research into mental disease.

Mr. Chamberlain said that the development was a further recognition that mental affliction was not something quite apart and in a class by itself, but that it was merely one phase of disease and to be treated and studied and investigated as were other kinds of physical disease. Mental disease arose from many different causes, and anything in the direction of ascertaining those causes was a step towards the cure, or better still towards prevention. He emphasised the value of research, adding that in the present scheme there were all the materials for a great advance.

A meeting in support of the Empire Cancer Campaign is being held at the Mansion House on the afternoon of July 6th. The Lord Mayor will preside. The British Red Cross, through the agency of its county branches, is organising the campaign throughout the provinces. By the early autumn, preparations will be ready for the work of education and propaganda throughout the United Kingdom and the Dominions oversea.

So far £44,000 has been received at the Mansion House as the result of the collections on Hospital Sunday.

The late Mr. A. J. Hamilton has left a reversion of £35,000 to the London Hospital on condition that a paying ward is built for lower middle-class people.

BEDFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL, BEDFORD.

Since the war, the Board of Management has opened a Convalescent Home for twenty patients, and owing to the kindness of the President, Mr. S. H. Whitbread, in giving a house and grounds adjoining the Hospital, has been able to provide wards for fifteen Paying Patients.

These two enlargements of the Hospital's work cost about £13,000, and have been all paid for.

The Board has for several years resolved to build a New Home for an increased Nursing Staff, to alter the existing building for a Night Nurses' block, and to enlarge the Staff Dining Room, at a total cost of about £16,000.

Towards this they have about £6,500 in hand, and a Garden Fête was held at the Hospital on June 13th and 14th in aid of the balance. The arrangements were inaugurated by Lady Ampthill and the County Hospital Guild, and the organiser was Mr. H. Stanley Deacon, the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Management. Hundreds of willing and enthusiastic workers all over the Hospital area contributed to the success of the Fête, which was attended by over 12,000 people, and opened by the Duke of Bedford, the Duchess of Bedford, Lady Ampthill, Mrs. Whitbread, the Mayor and Mayoress of Bedford, being also present, the Lord Lieutenant presiding. The Mayor and Mayoress and the ladies of Bedford were instrumental in raising over £1,000 at the Bedford stalls, whilst the stalls of the County Divisions of the Guild brought in nearly £700.

The Matron and Nursing Staff were in charge of a sweet stall, which totalled £230, and the Honorary Medical Staff realized £283 from their stall. Amusements and entertainments in charge of the Bedford Schools, Town folk, Cricket, Football, Hockey Clubs, &c., and the Licensed Victuallers' Association, were thronged and added over £550 to the total, whilst a Publicity Committee did magnificent work in advertising the Fête and producing a popular handbook.

Altogether, including a donation of £1,000 from the Duke and Duchess of Bedford, £4,268 was received. The expenses only amounted to £112.

J. ARNOLD WHITCHURCH (Chairman).

DIPLOMA IN NURSING, LEEDS UNIVERSITY.

At the recent Examinations, held at the Leeds University, three of the candidates who sat for the Diploma in Nursing were successful, viz:—

MISS PHYLIS LODGE (*with distinction*), Sister-Tutor at the General Hospital, Birmingham (in which institution she was trained).

ALSO MISS MARION A. CARR and MISS LILLIE SNOWDEN, both trained in the Leeds General Infirmary. Both have been engaged in Public Health work for some years.

THE PASSING BELL.

We regret to record the sudden death, at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, S.E., on June 30th, of Miss Kathleen Lucy Ram, S.R.N., for 19 years a sister at the Hospital. Miss Ram was the daughter of the late Rev. George Stopford Ram, Vicar of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, and the late Hon. Mrs. Ram, and a sister of the late Mrs. Charlesworth, who was also trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, and afterwards on the staff of the Hospital of the Universities Mission in Zanzibar. She was buried at Brookwood Necropolis on Tuesday, a Requiem being previously held in the Hospital Chapel.

LEGACY TO A NURSE.

Mr. James William Smallman, of 38, Grosvenor Gardens, Boscombe, Bournemouth, left a legacy of £100 to his nurse, Miss Margaret Murphy, "as a slight recognition of her care and attention."

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