

in charge of one of them. In six months she had demonstrated her capacity so well that she was put in charge of all of them, and would lecture to all the nurses. It was the aim of her life to start district nursing.

After giving other instances, Miss Olmsted said that there was fraternity in 32 countries between past students. Everyone was anxious to help. Englishwomen had something they must strive for; it offered a pattern of training and her whole life's work from now on would be to develop nursing on English methods. M. B.

APPOINTMENTS.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Union Infirmary, Birkenhead.—Miss Mary L. Ratcliffe has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool; and has been Sister-in-Charge of the theatre at Southport General Infirmary.

NIGHT SISTER.

Royal Infirmary, Truro.—Miss Catherine Caveney has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the West Norfolk Hospital, King's Lynn; and has been Sister at the Guest Hospital, Dudley; and has also done holiday duty at the Royal Infirmary, Wigan.

HEALTH VISITOR.

Denbighshire County Council.—Miss Mary Williams has been appointed Health Visitor and School Nurse under the Denbighshire County Council. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool.

DISTRICT NURSE.

Perthshire Nursing Federation.—Miss Margaret Carruthers Thompson, Queen's Nurse, has been appointed Nurse under the Perthshire Nursing Federation. She was trained at Townley's Hospital, Bolton, Lancashire, and has been Queen's Nurse at Cragmire, Isle of Mull; and Kiltarlity, Beauly, and Newport, Fife. During the war she worked in Military Hospitals, both in London and Archangel.

BECKETT STREET INFIRMARY, LEEDS.

MEDALS FOR NURSES.

The prizes for the nurses who have been most successful in their final examinations were presented on July 9th, at Beckett Street Infirmary, Leeds, by Mrs. Lascelles. Amongst those present were Canon Lascelles, Mr. W. M. Wilkinson (Chairman of the Leeds Board of Guardians), Dr. Allen (Medical Superintendent), Miss H. Harkin (the Matron), and Miss E. Innes (Matron of the Leeds Infirmary).

In a short address, Canon Lascelles asked why all vagrants turned their steps to Leeds as soon as they felt unwell? It was because the nurses made the place so attractive. He urged those nurses who were now fully qualified never to forget their tremendous influence and responsibility.

In the theory section, Nurses K. O'Dornan and I. Marshall won the gold medals given by Mrs. Percy Leigh; and Nurse A. Fowler won the gold medal given by Mr. W. M. Wilkinson. For practical nursing, Nurses M. Heigold, M. Keating and P. Ingle won the first, second and third prizes respectively. The second year prize was won by Miss M. Scott, and the first year prize by Miss M. Nicholls. The following

nurses gained the Leeds Township Infirmary Nurses' League bronze medal on completion of the three years' course: A. Kelly, A. Dunne, K. Knowles, J. Ramsay, C. Keating, M. Johnson, K. Doyle, G. Robertson, and M. Hyndman.

A SAD EPISODE.

Winifred Neal, a Canadian nurse, pleaded "Guilty" at Folkestone Quarter Sessions on Saturday to attempting to commit suicide by jumping overboard from the Channel steamer *Blarritz*. The prisoner, after her rescue and arrest, told the police superintendent that she left Canada with 6,000 dollars, intending to spend it in seeing the world and then commit suicide. Mrs. E. H. Wood, a Canadian lady, expressed her willingness to take Miss Neal back to her sister in Canada, and the prisoner was bound over.

INSULIN NOW PROCURABLE.

Supplies of insulin, the cure for diabetes discovered by Dr. Banting, of Montreal, are now available to meet all demands, says the *Lancet*.

In consequence of the increase of output the British drug houses which manufacture insulin under licence of the Medical Research Council have reduced the price per dose from 2s. 6d. to 1s. 9d.

THE ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE CONGRESS.

The 34th Congress and Health Exhibition of the Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1, is to be held at Hull from July 30th to August 4th, under the Presidency of the Right Hon. T. R. Ferens, P.C., J.P., High Steward of Hull.

Up to the present nearly 500 Delegates have been appointed, and many representatives of Public Health bodies are expected. The following Government Departments have appointed Delegates to the Congress:—The Admiralty, the War Office, the Board of Control (England), H.M. Office of Works, the Ministry of Health, and the Scottish Board of Health.

The Royal Sanitary Institute is doing most useful work, and, in addition to the Congress an Exhibition of Apparatus and Appliances relating to Health and of Domestic Use will be held in connection with it in the Wenlock Barracks, Anlaby Road. Excursions and visits to works have also been officially arranged by the Local Committee, and hospitality of various kinds will be provided so that the Congress should be both educative and enjoyable.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF SURGERY.

The Prince of Wales opened the Sixth Triennial Congress of the International Society of Surgery at the rooms of the Royal Society of Medicine, London, on Tuesday. Five hundred of the world's most famous surgeons, with Sir William Macewen as President, attended. Dr. Banting, the discoverer of insulin, had a great reception.

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