

Principal Matron.

Miss Rosabelle Osborne, C.B.E., R.R.C., has been appointed Principal Matron. She was trained at the Manchester Children's Hospital, Pendlebury, and the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, and has served with the Q.A.I.M.N.S. since May, 1903. She was on active service throughout the Great War, in France, Egypt, Malta, Salonika, and with the Army of the Black Sea, being awarded the C.B.E. and the R.R.C., and appointed Honorary Sister of St. John of Jerusalem. She also received the French Decoration of the *Medaille d'Honneur des Epidemie de la Marine*.

THE ROYAL SURREY COUNTY HOSPITAL, GUILDFORD.

The Royal Surrey County Hospital, founded in 1865 in memory of the late Prince Consort, is a handsome building, having a central block from which the wards extend on either side, while at the back, as necessity has arisen, there are various small wards, which, when the new extension is completed, will be removed.

THE NEW WING.

Just at present great interest centres locally in the hospital, for, on April 30th, the Duke and Duchess of York have consented to open the New Wing, and it is so long since Guildford has been honoured by a Royal visit that everyone is at the tip-top of expectation. A right Royal welcome awaits their Royal Highnesses.

The Wing consists of an extension to the men's ward, with a large balcony, and an Outpatients', X-ray, Electrical and Massage Block, which will make the services of the hospital very complete. In addition, there are excellent store rooms in the basement which are a much needed improvement.

The hospital, of 110 beds (112 when the new block is opened) serves a large area, and its wards are constantly full. The impression one gets in the wards, in the Home, and outside, is one of fresh air, space and light. The wards have windows either side, and large balconies at the end, the sanitary annexes being in the centre—a consideration, as, according to the fashion beloved of architects at the present day, they are very long.

A recent addition to the hospital is the extension to the Nurses' Home, and an inscription on the wall states that "This Building was erected by the Surrey Branch of the B.R.C.S. in memory of Surrey V.A.D.s who gave their lives for their country." Then follow the names. A grant of £10,000 was made for this purpose by the Surrey Branch of the British Red Cross Society, the surplus of which, some £2,000 was, by consent, placed to the Extension Fund account.

The Home is extremely comfortable and well arranged, the rooms opening on to a long central corridor on two floors. It looks out on to the pleasant and spacious grounds which surround the hospital, which must meet every requirement for extension for many years to come.

THE TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

The Hospital is approved as a Training School for Nurses by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and the Matron, Miss Gladys L. White, A.R.R.C., herself undertakes the instruction of the probationers, in accordance with the G.N.C. Syllabus, although the Syllabus of Training of the G.N.C. is merely advisory instead of compulsory, as, according to the Nurses' Registration Act, it ought to be.

After eighteen months' training they are expected to take the Preliminary State Examination, and, at the end of three years, the Final State Examination, which qualifies them for admission to the State Register of Nurses.

Miss White was trained at famous "Guy's," and has a very honourable war record of service.

Young women who are thinking of entering the Nursing Profession, but prefer a provincial Training School, will do well to consider the opportunities provided by the Royal Surrey County Hospital. As we have indicated, the facilities for training are excellent, and the working week is one of 56 hours. Nurses have two hours off duty daily, a whole day a week, and half day on alternate Sundays, and three weeks' holiday in the year. The uniform of both Staff Nurses and probationers is a blue and white striped material, with turn-down collar, and sleeves with cuffs above the elbow. The Staff Nurses are distinguished by a blue belt. All the nurses wear navy blue jerseys at meals and lectures, which the Matron tells us look very nice. The Sisters' uniform is blue, and the caps of Army pattern. At present there are 9 Sisters, and 32 nurses and probationers. There will probably be three additional nurses when the New Wing is opened.

The Chairman of the Hospital is Mr. Ferdinand Smallpeice, J.P.; the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Arthur Preston, C.B.E., and the Assistant Secretary is Mr. W. T. Patrick, J.P., F.C.I.S.

As Guildford is the county town there is much of interest constantly going on, notably excellent concerts for those who love music. In her off-duty time a nurse must be singularly without resources who cannot find something to interest her, or, if she gets on her bicycle, she can enjoy a spin on the Hog's Back, close by, and get at once into some of the most glorious country in England, on the one side overlooking the plain towards the English Channel, and on the other the view which includes the counties of Surrey, Hampshire, and others, is no less extensive and lovely. There are many beautiful walks, while motor-buses, starting from the station yard, take the adventurous further afield. There are thus not only professional advantages, but many pleasures to be enjoyed by a nurse taking her training at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford. M. B.

A most beautiful new hospital, the West Denbighshire Hospital, has just been erected at Colwyn Bay. The total cost will be about £30,000. It will serve a district from Abergele to Llanrwst.

A new wing of the Lloyd Memorial (Caxton) Seaside Home for Men and Women, at Deal, is dedicated to the memory of the officers and men from the Printing and Allied Trades who fell in the War.

The urgently necessary extensions of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow, which are in contemplation by the directors were discussed at the recent annual meeting of the governors which was held in the Institution at Yorkhill. The appeal of the directors for £60,000 to enable them to carry out the work in view was cordially commended to the generosity of the public of Glasgow and the West of Scotland. Included in the proposed extensions are increased accommodation for children and nurses and fuller equipment and improved facilities for research work. Their Royal Highnesses Princess Mary Viscountess Lascelles and the Duchess of York were appointed patronesses of the hospital.

The National Council for Combating Venereal Disease will hold an Imperial Social Hygiene Congress at the British Empire Exhibition from May 12 to 16th. The Dominions Overseas and the Crown Colonies have been invited to send representatives.

LEAGUE OF MERCY.

The King has appointed Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, to be Lady Grand President of the League of Mercy in succession to Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone. The Prince of Wales (Grand President) has appointed Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll to be Lady President of the Scottish branch of the League.

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