

The Out-patient Department of the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, of which the Duke of Connaught is President, which has been removed from King William Street, Strand, to Broad Street, W.C., is now being carried on in the new hospital, which will be able to deal with 100,000 patients—both in-patients and out-patients—annually. It is hoped that the formal opening may be performed by a member of the Royal Family in June or July.

The Hospital Saving Association distributed no less a sum than £28,370 to co-operating hospitals for the year ending December 31st, an increase of over £6,000 in the corresponding period of the previous year. With the steady increase in membership, which is now over 400,000, it is anticipated that a substantial surplus will be available for the final distribution to the co-operating hospitals at the end of July next.

The King of Afghanistan, who recovered from the effects of his operation for tonsillitis in Berlin, has endowed his room in the nursing home for the free use of patients approved by the directors and the Afghan Legation for the period of ten years, and has made gifts of money to each member of the staff.

The Doncaster Infirmary Committee has accepted a tender for £100,000 for the building of the new infirmary of 120 beds, to be known as the Queen Alexandra memorial wards.

A report presented at a meeting of the Royal Lancaster Infirmary indicated that 3,700 workpeople of the town had raised £5,000 for the institution by weekly contributions. It was decided to launch an extension scheme to cost £75,000.

The Edinburgh Corporation Bill for compulsory treatment of venereal disease was rejected on Second Reading in the House of Commons by 93 votes to 63. There was a great deal of sentiment expressed during the debate. Sooner or later all diseases by which one human being infects others, even in a less hideous degree than with venereal disease, will be notifiable and compulsorily treated. In the meantime medical science and nursing must protect the public as best they can.

In the Chadwick Public Lecture to be given at the House of the British Medical Association on Tuesday, May 15th, at 8.15 p.m., Major Walter Elliot, M.P., M.B., Ch.B., D.Sc., will give a short review of some recent research work and discuss the experience of certain local authorities. Special reference will be made to Scottish experience, as this comes under the notice of the Lecturer as Under-Secretary for the Board of Health, Agriculture and Education in Scotland.

A TRUE TALE WITH A MORAL.

OVERHEARD BY A PRIVATE NURSE.

Lady to Cook on the morning of the day when two Nurses are leaving her house: "I've heard all sorts of things about Nurses, how one can't cope with them, of the trouble they give, and so on, but I really must say ours have been angels."

Cook (swelling with self-satisfaction): "Well, Mar'm, I allus says Nurses is like gentlemen. Give 'em good food, an' plenty of it, an' they'll eat out of your 'and."

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington.—Miss Mary Milne, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, where she was later Ward Sister. Miss Milne has also been Sister Tutor at Queen Mary's Hospital, West Ham; and Sister Tutor and Preliminary Training School Sister at the General Hospital, Johannesburg.

Debenham's, Ltd., Wigmore Street, London.—Miss Kathleen Mary Latham, R.R.C., M.B.C.N., has been appointed Matron of the Medical Welfare Department. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, where she was subsequently Sister of President Ward. She has been Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve, and has had experience of private nursing, chiefly abroad. She is a Certified Midwife.

Emergency Hospital, Ilford.—Miss F. Fairbairn, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Folkestone, and has been Holiday Sister, at St. James' Hospital, Balham, Ward Sister at the Wellhouse Hospital, Barnet, Ward Sister at the Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester, and Sister Tutor at the Emergency Hospital, Ilford. Miss Fairbairn is a Certified Midwife.

Municipal Maternity Home and Children's Hospital, Middlesbrough.—Miss D. Beard, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Brighton Infirmary, and at the New Sussex Maternity and Women's Hospital, Brighton, where she was later Staff Nurse. Miss Beard has also been Staff Nurse, O.A.I.M.N.S.R., Staff Nurse at the Jessop Maternity Hospital, Sheffield, and Sister at the Maternity Hospital, Birmingham, and is a Certified Midwife.

ASSISTANT MATRON

London Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road, N.W.1.—Miss E. W. Littlejohn, S.R.N., R.S.C.N., F.B.C.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, and at the King's College Hospital, London. Miss Littlejohn has been Ward Sister at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh; Night Sister at the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, London; Holiday Ward Sister and Assistant Sister Housekeeper at King's College Hospital, London. She is a Certified Midwife.

County Mental Hospital, Rainhill, Lancs.—Miss I. Turner, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the David Lewis Northern Hospital, Liverpool, and has been Assistant Matron at the Borough Mental Hospital, Middlesbrough, and at the Royal Mental Institution, Crichton.

Victoria Central Hospital, Wallasey.—Miss M. Henderson, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron Housekeeper. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, where she was later Theatre Sister. Miss Henderson has also been Staff Nurse, O.A.I.M.N.S.R., Surgical Ward Sister at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Aberdeen, Night Sister at the Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, and Assistant Matron at the Royal National Hospital, Ventnor, Isle of Wight.

SISTER HOUSEKEEPER.

Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester.—Miss M. Wright, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Housekeeper. She was trained at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan; and has been Staff Nurse at the General Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne, and Night Sister at the General Hospital, Great Yarmouth. Miss Wright received her Midwifery Training at St. Mary's Maternity Institution, Hackney, and Housekeeping Training at the General Hospital, Nottingham.

WARD SISTER.

Boundary Park Hospital, Oldham.—Miss L. Wignall, S.R.N., has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at the Union Hospital, Tynemouth, and at the Sun Ray Clinic, Newcastle-on-Tyne, where she was later Day and Assistant Night Sister, Night Sister, Ward Sister and Home Sister. Miss Wignall has also been Night Sister at the Fulwood Infirmary, Preston.

SCHOOL NURSE.

Borough of Morley.—Miss S. Dockray, S.R.N., has been appointed Health Visitor and School Nurse. She was trained at Leeds General Infirmary.

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