

specially interested in the arrangements for the lights which are attached to the surgeons' heads while they are at work; but still more interesting were the œsophageal and laryngeal tubes with their light carrier; one of the former carried a light little larger than a pin point near its extremity to enable the surgeon to examine growths or discover foreign bodies far down in the œsophagus.

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The Prince of Wales, who laid the foundation stone of the new Royal Infirmary at Aberdeen on August 28th, in expressing to Sheriff J. D. Dallas, Chairman of the Infirmary, his thanks for the welcome he had received, said: "I am very happy that my first official visit to Aberdeen and, incidentally, the last official engagement I have in Great Britain before I go to Africa, should be associated with this wonderful scheme. This scheme, when completed, will provide you with one of the finest hospitals in the country, and give this city and the north-east of Scotland a centre of healing and medical science that may well be envied."

The Prince will visit Marseilles on his way out to Africa and formally inaugurate the Queen Alexandra Memorial Hospital, the seventh branch of the Seamen's Hospital Society.

The London Temperance Hospital in the Hampstead Road, N.W.1, of which H.R.H. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, is patron, and Major Richard Rigg, O.B.E., T.D., J.P., Chairman, is doing, and for the past fifty-five years has done, excellent work in a populous and poor neighbourhood of North-West London. Moreover, the Committee of the hospital are considerate of the welfare of their Nurses. They consider that, as the life of a Nurse is not only strenuous but her leisure is so scanty, comfortable quarters ought to be provided for her so that she may renew her strength for her long hours of exceedingly difficult work. With this end in view, in 1922 the Board of Management decided to have a Nurses' Home built as a memorial and lasting tribute to the work and untiring devotion of the late Chairman, the Right Hon. Sir T. Vezey Strong. He was a keen and enthusiastic worker in the temperance cause, and probably his greatest interest in life was the work and welfare of the Temperance Hospital, and in connection with the welfare of the Hospital his especial care was the welfare of the Nurses.

It was, therefore, considered fitting that the new buildings should be known as "The Vezey Strong Memorial Home." In the new building there is accommodation for three Sisters' bedrooms, thirty Nurses' bedrooms, and six bathrooms, linen cupboards, etc. At the top of these buildings is the new Operation Department, consisting of a Theatre of the most modern type, Anæsthetising Room, Recovery Room, Surgeons' Room and Sterilising Room. Other additions and alterations in the new buildings include: Entrance Vestibule, Waiting Room, Cloak Room and Lavatory, Secretary's Department, Kitchen, etc., Staff Dining Room, X-Ray and Dark Room, Night Casualty Waiting Room, and an Isolation Department consisting of two Wards and a Nurses' Room.

As the result of articles which appeared in the "Sunlight and Health" Supplement to *The Times*, published in May, the West London Hospital at Hammersmith has received a gift of a revolving open-air house, which is now in position on the flat roof of the latest wing of the hospital. A sand-pit has also been installed, where the children amuse themselves for hours together.

It has already been found that children who can be in the open air make a quicker recovery than those who are confined to the wards.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

County Mental Hospital, Warwick.—Miss V. A. Spratley, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at King's College Hospital, London, and at Bexley Mental Hospital. Miss Spratley has since been Sister at Horton Mental Hospital, Epsom, and Assistant Matron at the City Mental Hospital, Winson Green, Birmingham, and is a Certified Midwife.

ASSISTANT MATRON AND SISTER TUTOR.

Dorset Mental Hospital, Herrison, Dorchester.—Miss M. Proban has been appointed Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, and at the Roxburgh District Mental Hospital, Melrose, where she obtained the M.P.A. Certificate with distinction. Miss Proban has since been Sister at Hills Sanatorium, Kinross, and Sister at Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow; she is a certified midwife.

ASSISTANT MATRON AND HOUSEKEEPER.

Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, E.2.—Miss R. Buckland, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron and Housekeeper. She was trained at the Royal Free Hospital, and at the Paddington Green Children's Hospital, London, and has been Medical Ward Sister at the Anglo-Yugo-Slav Children's Hospital, Belgrade, and Sister Housekeeper at the Warneford General Hospital, Leamington Spa.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Torbay Hospital, Torquay.—Miss E. E. Mansey, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, where she has since been Ward Sister, Home Sister, and Night Sister, and at the Alexandra Maternity Homes, Devonport, where she was later Home Sister. Miss Mansey has also held the position of Sister at the Royal Buckingham Hospital, Aylesbury, and Sister at the General Infirmary, Macclesfield; she holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich.

Victoria Memorial Jewish Hospital, Manchester.—Miss E. H. Mycroft, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Bradford, and obtained her Housekeeping Certificate at the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester. Miss Mycroft has held the position of Ward and Theatre Sister at the Duchess of Bedford's Special Surgical Hospital, Woburn, and the General Hospital, Great Yarmouth, Night Sister at the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth, Sister Housekeeper at the Royal Infirmary, Wigan, Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. for three years, and has been mentioned in despatches.

Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow.—Miss J. W. Kerr, R.G.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow, and at the Eastern District Hospital, Glasgow. Miss Kerr is a Certified Midwife.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT NURSE AND SISTER TUTOR.

Boundary Park Hospital, Oldham.—Miss E. Dickinson, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., has been appointed Assistant Superintendent Nurse and Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Fir Vale Hospital, Sheffield, where she was later Staff Nurse, and has also been Ward Sister and Theatre Sister at the Tranmere Infirmary, Birkenhead, and Night Superintendent at the Holborn and Finsbury Hospital, London. Miss Dickinson also holds the Battersea Polytechnic Sister Tutor's Certificate.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL NAVAL NURSING SERVICE.

Miss K. W. F. O'Callaghan and Miss P. M. Wilkinson have been confirmed in their appointments as Sisters in Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Sister Miss L. A. Clancy resigns her appointment. (August 25th.)

Staff Nurse Miss D. B. Day resigns her appointment. (August 11th.)

Sister Miss B. M. S. Gregg retires, receiving a gratuity.

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