

Practical Demonstrations in Laboratory Work.

November 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th. December 4th and 11th.
Dr. N. Hamilton Fairley, 8.30 p.m.

Dental Lectures.

October 11th and 25th. Mr. Vaughan.

The Queen, who is Patron of the Papworth Village Settlement, near Cambridge, where sufferers from tuberculosis are given treatment, training and employment, recently paid it an informal visit and made a thorough inspection of the Settlement.

Just now important London hospitals are issuing their annual reports. The report of Lord Stanmore, Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, states that the completion of the recreation rooms and lecture rooms for the nurses marks a further step forward in the building of Queen Mary's Home for St. Bartholomew's nurses; further, that the governors had approved the proposed southern extension of the home, which will provide accommodation for 51 additional nurses, at an estimated cost of £31,050. The work should be completed by the end of the year.

Mr. F. P. Whitehead, Treasurer of Guy's Hospital, states in his report that the institution of an ante-natal clinic has revolutionized the midwifery practice of the hospital. Unforeseen complications are now provided for and there are available from the clinic full notes for the use and assistance of every hospital doctor or midwife. The maternal mortality among all the maternity cases attended by the hospital in 1928 was one in 1,782. In view of the fact that the average maternity mortality throughout the country was somewhere about four per 1,000 the governors feel that they can congratulate themselves on the success of the Maternity District and on this further proof of the value of a properly organized ante-natal centre.

The annual report of the board of management of St. Mary's Hospital states that the outstanding event of the past year was the completion and formal opening of the new extension. The extension provides two new operating theatres and 60 additional beds, some of which are reserved for cases of accident and sudden emergency. Provision is made for an additional children's ward. The extension has meant more nurses, and as no premises are yet available for them they have been temporarily housed in the isolation ward. The question of additional accommodation for the nursing staff has become one of great urgency.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, visited the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, Bethnal Green, recently. Lord William Cecil, chairman of the hospital, was unable to be present owing to the illness of his wife, and the Lord Mayor and his party were received by Mr. Joseph Meller, chairman of the house committee, Miss G. Allen, matron, Dr. C. Marshall, resident medical officer, and Mr. Glenton Kerr, secretary. Mr. and Mrs. John Pearce, who have endowed a cot, were also present. Before leaving, the Lord Mayor and his party went over the nurses' home and visited the new covered balcony where the sisters and nurses in their free time can enjoy a winter garden in the East End.

**CHIEF OFFICER OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
FOR LONDON.**

Sir Allan Powell, C.B.E., Barrister-at-Law (the Clerk to the Metropolitan Asylums Board), has been appointed Chief Officer of Public Assistance by the London County

Council, at a salary of £3,000 a year. Sir Allan, who is fifty-two years of age, has had thirty-five years' service in the Metropolitan Asylums Board, and has been Clerk to the Board since 1922, having previously filled the office of Deputy Clerk. He has had a large experience of Poor Law work in relation to the whole of London.

COMING EVENTS.

October 7th and 8th.—Conference convened by National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship, to discuss the extension of the Women's Educational and Health Services in India, and other constructive schemes of Social Reform. Chair, Miss Eleanor Rathbone, M.P. Tickets from 4, Tufton Street, S.W.1.

October 9th.—Nurses' Missionary League, Valedictory Meetings, University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C. 10.15 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.

October 14th-18th.—National Council of Women, Annual Meeting and Conference, Albert Hall, Manchester.

October 16th.—Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association Quarterly Meeting, Ladywell Sanatorium, Salford. 3 p.m.

October 19th.—Urgency Cases Hospital, Annual Dinner, Canuto's Restaurant, 88, Baker Street, W. 6.45 for 7 o'clock.

October 24th.—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Meeting of Executive Committee. Board Room of Registered Nurses' Association, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 3 p.m.

October 25th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting. 2.30 p.m.

October 30th-November 2nd.—National Council for Mental Hygiene (78, Chandos House, Palmer Street, S.W.) Conference on Mental Health. Central Hall, Westminster.

November 2nd.—Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland. Meeting at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. 3 p.m.

November 2nd.—Dinner in honour of Miss Helen L. Pearce, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate. 7 p.m.

Royal British Nurses' Association,

194, QUEEN'S GATE, S.W.

October 10th.—Miss Macdonald "At Home" to members and friends. 4-6 p.m.

October 17th.—Ramble through Ken Wood to St. Albans.

October 26th.—Dance at the Club. 8-12 p.m.

November 4th.—Address by Major Rigg, O.B.E., on "The Customs and Traditions of our Imperial Parliament." 3 p.m.

The British College of Nurses,

39, PORTLAND PLACE, W.

October 19th.—Council Meeting. 2 p.m.

October 22nd.—Opening of the Winter Session. Reports on the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses and Congress of Nurses. All Fellows and Members cordially invited. Tea 4 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m.

October 28th.—First of a Course of six Lectures on Dietetics by Professor Mottram, M.A., appointed Teacher in the University of London. 5.30 p.m.

October 29th and 31st.—Lectures on "The Eye," by Miss K. A. Mann, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. 8 p.m.

November 1st.—Address on the Report of the Departmental Committee of the Ministry of Health on the Working of the Midwives' Acts. Miss Gladys Le Geyt, F.B.C.N. 8 p.m.

November 8th.—Address on the Memorandum of the British Medical Association, outlining a National Maternity Scheme for England and Wales. Dr. W. H. F. Oxley, M.R.C.S. 8 p.m.

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