

### Health and Noise.

The last of the series of addresses was on "Health and Noise," given by Lord Horder, and was a powerful presentment of the objects of the Anti-Noise League and a plea for their support. In the course of this he said: "By nature and by experience I am what William James would call a pragmatist. No system of philosophy makes much appeal to me if it is divorced from the consideration of practical consequences."

Again: "Our senses—they are our most valuable servants. So valuable that Nature protects most of them instinctively. If a light be too sudden or too glaring, we blink, and so save from harm the delicate curtain of the retina. If the motor car threatens to crash, we shrink, to render as small as possible the field of possible damage to our skin and all that it protects. But there is an exception: the human ear cannot be closed by any reflex, safety mechanism. It is as though Nature never dreamt that we should be such fools as to produce machines so fast that we took no pains to control the noise they make. And so, unable as we are to shut out the din, we must perforce put a mute on it. There is no other way. This, ladies and gentlemen, is the meaning, and hence the evolution of the Anti-Noise League . . ."

"Very well; in language which is more forceful than elegant, let us 'get on with it.' We do not pretend that noise constitutes the only disturbance to that nerve integrity upon which, in the last analysis, so much of our health depends. We dissipate its energy in other ways. But this is our problem, and we mean to tackle it. We work to show our fellows how they may escape from what are, literally, the hammer-blows of needless noise upon this vital tissue we call our nerves. These blows are helping to engender Fear—a sense of incapacity when faced with forces apparently beyond our control. The last enemy to be overcome in that continuity of existences which we call immortality is Death; but the last enemy to be overcome in our own effective lifetime is Fear. Ladies and gentlemen, our aim is equanimity; *we want to explore the hygienic value of a quiet mind*, if only because we ourselves have little hope that we can save civilisation without it. We believe that to achieve this the sequence must be equanimity, control, security, and for this sequence we are working."

We hope that the result of this Report will be to enlist many of those who read it—and six pennies could not be better expended—to fill in the Application Form at its conclusion, and so to support the Anti-Noise League financially. The subscription for Membership is £1 1s., and for Associateship 5s.

### MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.

#### MINISTRY OF PENSIONS NURSING SERVICE.

The Minister of Pensions has appointed Miss Margaret L. Hunter, at present Matron of the Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Dunston Hill, to be Principal Matron of the Ministry of Pensions Nursing Service in the place of Miss Helen G. Palin, O.B.E., R.R.C., who retires on March 31st, 1936.

### LEGACIES TO NURSES.

Miss Charlotte Maria Eddy, Torquay, left to Sister Dora Gwennlian Harries, "in consideration of her devoted service, to my sisters and myself," £2,000, unless she has given her this sum or any part thereof during her lifetime, or should she have predeceased the testatrix, then to her sister Blanche Jones. £3,000 to her sister Martha Amy Eddy for life, with remainder to the said Sister Dora Gwennlian Harries.

Mr. Alfred Walter Bush, of Hackney, E., joint managing director of W. J. Bush and Co., Ltd., left £1,000 and 1,000 Ordinary shares in the company to Sister Emmeline Lambton

Gibson, "as a token of my high appreciation of the devotion and care shown by her to my son Alfred during two serious illnesses and to other members of the family."

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**Central London Ophthalmic Hospital, Judd Street, London, W.C.**—Miss A. G. Powell, S.R.N. has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Hospital, Portsmouth, and has been Surgical Ward and Theatre Sister at Teddington Hospital, Theatre Sister at St. Nicholas Orthopaedic Hospital, Sister-in-Charge of the Children's Wards at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Sister Housekeeper at the General Hospital, Croydon, and Assistant Matron at the Victoria Hospital for Children, Tite Street, Chelsea. Miss Powell holds the Housekeeping Certificate of Charing Cross Hospital.

**Infectious Diseases Hospital and Sanatorium, Falkirk.**—Miss Mary D. Johnstone, R.G.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow, where she was later Staff Nurse, and has been Ward Sister at the Belvedere Hospital, Glasgow, Theatre Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Perth, Senior Sister, Deputy Matron and Sister Tutor, at the County Hospital, Carlisle, and Assistant Matron at Redlands Hospital, Glasgow.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

**General Hospital, Halifax.**—Miss Edith Baines, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Isolation Hospital, Fazakerley, the Victoria Hospital, Burnley, and the Southdown Road Hospital, Liverpool, and has been Ward Sister at the Isolation Hospital, Fazakerley, Out Patients' and Casualty Sister at the Victoria Hospital, Burnley, Ward Sister at the Netherfield Road Hospital, Liverpool, Ward Sister at the Eye and Ear Infirmary, Liverpool, and Acting Night Superintendent at the Southdown Road Hospital, Liverpool. Miss Baines holds Certificates in Fever Nursing, Tuberculosis and Housekeeping.

### ASSISTANT MATRON AND HOUSEKEEPER.

**Royal Buckinghamshire Hospital, Aylesbury.**—Miss C. W. Rogers, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron and Housekeeper. She was trained at King's College Hospital, London, and the Children's Hospital, Birmingham and has been Ward Sister at the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, London, Night Sister at the War Memorial Hospital, Carshalton, Acting Home and Tutor Sister at the Children's Hospital, Tite Street, Chelsea, and took the Housekeeping Course of the Children's Hospital, Birmingham.

**General Infirmary, Southport.**—Miss E. Phillips, S.R.N. has been appointed Assistant Matron and Housekeeper. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Preston, the Children's Hospital, Heswall, and the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, and has been Night Sister at the Women's Hospital, Shaw Street, Liverpool, Night Superintendent at the Royal Infirmary, Hull, and Home and Sister Tutor at the Victoria Memorial Jewish Hospital, Manchester.

### ASSISTANT MATRON AND SISTER TUTOR.

**Thorpe Coombe Maternity Home, Walthamstow.**—Miss E. M. Marlow, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor. She was trained at the General and Counties Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, where she was later Holiday Sister, and was attached to the Private Nursing Staff of the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester. Miss Marlow has also been Staff Midwife at the Corporation Maternity Home, Reading, Sister of the Wards and Labour Ward at the Woking Maternity Home, Sister-in-Charge of Maternity Department at the War Memorial Hospital, Woolwich; holds a Housekeeping Certificate, and the Midwife Teachers' Diploma.

### SISTER TUTOR.

**The Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, London, S.W.**—Miss B. M. Piggott, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Jenny Lind Hospital for Children, Norwich, and the Charing Cross Hospital, London, and has been Ward Sister at Queen Mary's Hospital for Children, Carshalton, Sister of Children's Ward, War Memorial Hospital, Enfield, Housekeeping Sister at Moorfields Eye Hospital, City Road, London, E.C. Miss Piggott holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.

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