

Nurses' Libraries. It cannot fail, if it keeps up to the standard of this first issue, to be deeply interesting and instructive. There is still much to learn concerning this disease. Meanwhile the world must rejoice that Professor Banting's magnificent work has been recognised by the award of the Nobel Prize in 1925 and that he has recently been made a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire, by His Majesty the King.

PREVENTION OF ANTHRAX.

The prevention of Anthrax, that terrible carbuncular disease caused in man by inoculation from affected animals, received consideration recently in the House of Commons. The following discussion is typical of our leisurely Ministerial action.

Mr. R. J. Davies asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether he would consider, with a view to the prevention of anthrax in this country, making it compulsory to disinfect all imported goats' hair at the Government station in Liverpool.

Sir F. Fremantle asked a question on the same subject.

Sir J. Gilmour, Secretary of State for the Home Department.—I have now given full consideration to all the representations submitted to me, and, after careful inquiries, I have reached the conclusion that the present arrangements for the compulsory disinfection of goat hair at the Government station should be extended to imported goat hair generally. It is proposed that the necessary Order should be made at the Privy Council meeting tomorrow and take effect two months hence.

Answering a supplementary question about the possible effect of the Order on manufacturers who held stocks, Sir J. Gilmour said that these would not be an undue burden.

Sir F. Fremantle asked if the right hon. gentleman would have existing stocks disinfected.

Sir J. Gilmour replied that the Order would not come into operation until two months hence.

Sir F. Fremantle.—But there are stocks which may last two years and will spread infection right and left if the matter is not dealt with.

We hope Mr. R. J. Davies and Sir Francis Fremantle will return to the attack. It is indefensible that risks should be run by the public of contracting this most painful, repulsive and often fatal disease, if effective disinfection is possible.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS BY THE COUNCIL OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Many important decisions by the Council of the British Medical Association are reported in its official organ.

Hospital Unit for Fractures.

The Association is to press for a new form of hospital organisation designed to secure the more efficient treatment of fractures, one of the commonest forms of accident injury, and one from which, it is considered, unnecessarily prolonged disability often results.

At present, it is pointed out, the surgeon who sets a fracture and is responsible for the initial arrangements for treatment seldom sees anything further of the case or even learns what happens to it. Suggestions for a special type of hospital unit, designed to deal solely with fractures, have accordingly been prepared by a committee of the Association.

The report of the committee, which also contains many criticisms of existing hospital methods, is to be circulated to the Home Office, the London County Council, large hospitals, and insurance companies. It is also to be published at an early date in pamphlet form.

Nation's Physique.

The Association has decided to proceed immediately

with the appointment of the proposed Committee on the physical development of the nation.

The chairman of the new committee will be the chairman of the council, Dr. E. K. le Fleming, a sufficient indication of the importance which the association attaches to physical fitness.

APPOINTMENTS.

PRINCIPAL MATRON.

London County Council.—Miss R. Dreyer, S.R.N., has been appointed Principal Matron. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, where she was later Assistant Matron, and she has been Matron at the Bethnal Green Hospital, London, E.

MATRON.

Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, Broad Street, London, W.C.2.—Miss G. Long, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Charing Cross Hospital, and is at present Matron at the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital, Judd Street, London, W.C.1.

Royal Midland Counties Home for Incurables, Leamington Spa.—Miss G. H. Edwards, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Warneford Hospital, Leamington Spa, where she was a gold medallist, and has been Staff Nurse at the National Hospital, Queen Square, London, Sister of the Electrical and Skin Department at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, Out-Patient Sister and Assistant Matron at the Warneford Hospital, Leamington Spa.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

General Hospital, Croydon.—Miss L. T. Ottley, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Radcliffe Infirmary and County Hospital, Oxford, and took the International Course at Bedford College. Miss Ottley has been Ward Sister and Night Superintendent at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, Sister Tutor and Home Sister at the Buchanan Hospital, St. Leonards-on-Sea. She holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the Royal Sussex County Hospital, and the Diploma in Nursing (London).

County Hospital, Lincoln.—Miss M. Powlson, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, and has been Ward Sister at the Royal Hospital, Salford; Night Sister at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading; Sister at the Anglo-American Private Hospital, Buenos Aires, and Home and Housekeeping Sister at the Royal National Hospital, Ventnor. Miss Powlson received her Housekeeping training at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich.

Royal Infirmary, Bolton.—Miss Mary Farrer, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, where she also took the Housekeeping Course, and at the Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, in Midwifery. Miss Farrer has been Ward Sister at the Leeds General Infirmary, Theatre Sister at the Jenny Lind Hospital, Norwich, Night Sister, Temporary Assistant Matron, and Assistant Matron at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, Night Sister at the General Hospital, Ashford, and has done Maternity Private Work in Nottingham.

Leeds Maternity Hospital, Hyde Terrace, Leeds.—Miss F. M. Hammond, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, and at the Maternity Hospital, Leeds, where she was later Out-Patient Sister, Ward Sister and Night Sister. Miss Hammond has also been Senior Sister at the Nursing Home, Ilkley, and Sister-in-Charge at the Isolation Hospital, Menston-in-Wharfedale.

NIGHT SISTER

The Hull Royal Infirmary, Hull.—Miss C. Holland, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, and at the Hampstead General and North West London Hospital, London, and has been Children's Ward Sister and Night Sister at the Bolingbroke Hospital, London, Children's Ward Sister at the Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury, and Medical Ward Sister at the Hampstead General Hospital. Miss Holland holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary.

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