

Home the hospital does not lose track of its patients, for they attend one of the many clinics run by the hospital all over the South of England.

As the hospital buildings are dispersed over an area of one hundred and eight acres there is ample room for expansion and for playground. A well-made road links the different parts of the hospital. A large garden grows practically all the vegetables required. There is also a farm, but this cannot supply nearly enough milk. The ground on which the hospital is situated slopes away to the North where, on a clear day, the Tower of St. Albans Cathedral can be seen in the distance. The upper hillside is dotted with gorse bushes but below we saw fields with sheep and young lambs which are the joy of the little convalescents. In the flower beds which flank the wards the crocus was in bloom in spite of the snow which lay on the hill slope and the daffodil buds were already flushed with yellow. A rose garden gave promise of summer glory and everywhere Nature spread freely her beauty and healing inspiration.

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We are indebted to the courtesy of the Secretary of the Hospital for our illustrations.

#### LEPROSY A PROBLEM OF COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT.

The annual report of the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association shows that when the association was founded in 1924 the chief emphasis was laid upon treatment.

While treatment still holds an important place in the programme, even more prominence has to be given to isolation, and especially to the prevention of infective lepers coming in contact with young children. Without effective isolation of all—or at least the great majority—of the dangerous lepers, there is little hope of controlling and curtailing the disease, which is estimated to have a hold upon no fewer than 2,000,000 sufferers within the Empire.

The leper settlements are being used as centres of education and of the training of the more intelligent patients in anti-leprosy work during the years they are under treatment, so that when they recover and return home they may assist in this crusade of enlightenment and health. Much valuable work on these lines is being done by partly trained Toc H men sent out to the leper settlements. It is stated that if more money were available much more could be done along such lines. There are Toc H men willing to volunteer for the work, but the money required, some £250 a year for each man, is not yet forthcoming. The special Toc H committee to raise money for such volunteers has now been amalgamated with the executive committee of B.E.L.R.A., and the association has been incorporated by the Board of Trade as a "company limited by guarantee."

#### GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade will celebrate its Jubilee this year immediately after the Coronation, beginning with a reception at St. John's Gate on Friday, May 14th.

The Brigade, which was formed in 1887, has now grown to a strength of 101,917 men, women, and cadets in this country and overseas, from where many will be making long journeys to attend both the Jubilee Celebrations and the Coronation. Representatives will come from Hong Kong, Australia, Canada, Zanzibar, India, S. Africa and other parts of the British Empire.

Her Majesty the Queen, the Commandant-in-Chief of the Nursing Corps and Divisions, will take part in the Jubilee Celebrations by reviewing the Brigade in Hyde Park on Saturday, May 22nd.

## THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the office of the Council, 20, Portland Place, London, W., on April 23rd.

#### Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £120 for postage stamps, £20 for insurance stamps, and £20 for petty cash were allowed.

It was agreed that a comprehensive policy be taken out with the Alliance Insurance Co., Ltd., covering all risks, at an approximate annual premium (less commission) of £284 14s. 1d.

#### Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration on April 23rd were: General Register, by reciprocity, 16; Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses, by reciprocity, 2; for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by Examination, 20, by reciprocity, 2. Total 41.

It was agreed that 44 nurses, who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

#### Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, it was agreed that:—

The Borough Sanatorium, Southend-on-Sea, be provisionally approved for a period of two years, as a complete Training School for Fever Nurses;

The scheme of affiliation between the Hastings Municipal Hospital and the Brighton Municipal Hospital be provisionally approved for a period of two years;

The scheme of affiliation between Bridgend Infirmary and Llwynypia General Hospital; between the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital, and the Middlesex Hospital, London; and between Northwood, Pinner and District Hospital, and Guy's Hospital, London, be extended for a further year;

The scheme of affiliation between the City of London Hospital for Diseases of Heart and Lungs, Victoria Park, and the Leicester Royal Infirmary, be now fully approved;

The schemes of association between the County Hospital, Clayton, Bradford, and the Batley and District Hospital, Dewsbury and District General Infirmary, Bradford Royal Infirmary, and Halifax Royal Infirmary, be cancelled, but without prejudice to the position and rights of nurses already admitted thereto under the schemes; and that the name of the County Hospital, Clayton, Bradford, be deleted from the list of approved training schools;

The Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge, be now fully approved as a complete training school;

The approval of the County Hospital, Keighley, as a complete training school be cancelled, but without prejudice to the position and rights of nurses already admitted thereto; and that the name of the hospital be removed from the list of approved training schools;

The Bromley and District Hospital be provisionally approved for a period of one year as a complete training school;

The scheme of affiliation between the Gordon Hospital, London, and the Battersea General Hospital, London, be approved for a period of one year.

#### General Purposes.

On the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee it was agreed that the estimate of Messrs. John Russell (Hampstead), Ltd., of £17 15s. per quarter, for the upkeep of flower boxes at the new premises, and of £17 18s. for flower display for the Coronation, be accepted.

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