

The King and Queen paid a visit to Birmingham on March 1st, and made a seven-hour tour of the city. The most interesting institution visited, and which gave them a warm welcome, was the city's £1,000,000 Hospital Centre. The Earl of Dudley and Lord Austin welcomed the Royal visitors to the hospital at Edgbaston, and Miss Frieda Sollitt presented a bouquet to the Queen.

In the main hall of the Nurses' Home the Queen said: "I have much pleasure in naming this hospital the Queen Elizabeth Hospital." The fact that she would bestow her name on the Centre had been kept secret. It is the first time her Majesty had named a hospital after herself, an honour greatly appreciated in Birmingham. During the tour of the hospital the King and Queen spoke with many of the patients, and little John Mealand, playing with soldiers, attracted the

The Crochet Stretcher—Personal Tests in Transporting and Treating Patients in the Air; Indications and Counter-Indications for Transport by Aeroplane; Emergency Treatment at Aerodromes—Hæmorrhage, Fractures, Burns; Aero-Chemical Warfare—Emergency Measures; Preparation for the "Technical" Licence of the Ministry of Air for Parachute Jumpers; The Technique of Dropping Objects by Parachute; History of Gliding.

At the conclusion of the theoretical instruction, practical training in stretcher work, emergency care, bandaging, etc., will be given at aerodromes.

The sad death of a nurse at Hove, whose night-gown caught fire as she turned out the gas-fire, should be taken to heart. Fireguards should be more generally used, especially in institutions.



HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM.
MISS G. M. BOWES, MATRON.

attention of the Queen—who helped him to arrange his toys.

Miss G. M. Bowes, the Matron, accompanied their Majesties during their visit of inspection, and, of course, the nurses, to judge from press pictures, added charm to their wards, so sweet and neat they appeared.

The monthly Bulletin of the League of Red Cross Societies reports that the Friendly Society of French Red Cross nurse pilots and air escorts is organising for the school year 1938-1939 a series of courses for air nurses comprising the following syllabus: Woman's Rôle in National Aviation; Air Forces in Time of War; The Controls of a Modern Aeroplane; Navigation and Meteorology; The History of the Air Ambulance Movement; The Pneumatic Caisson—Physiological Disorders produced by High Altitudes; Medical Outfits for Use in Aeroplanes—their Contents and Utilisation;

We are pleased to report an honour for a young nurse, Miss E. P. Ball, who was presented with a gold medal at the Wellhouse Hospital, Barnet, at the termination of her training, at which the Chairman in making the presentation said that it was awarded only in quite exceptional circumstances.

THE MENTAL HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The 64th Quarterly Meeting of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association was held at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W., on Saturday, March 4th, 1939. After the business meeting an interesting discussion took place with Miss E. M. Fox, of the County School for Girls, Beckenham, Kent, representative of the Association of Head Mistresses, on the encouragement of the secondary school girl to take up mental nursing.

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