

Some of the more advanced pupils have a vocabulary of nearly 40 words.

H.R.H. was greatly interested in the "lessons" which were going on during her visit, and warmly congratulated the technical staff and the Matron on their work.

The Infants' Hospital was founded in 1903 by the late Sir Robert Mond, F.R.S., for the scientific treatment of young babies suffering from malnutrition and allied disorders.

Last year 1,639 patients were treated in the Hospital and 17,287 attendances were recorded in the out-patient department. Patients have been admitted from places as far away as Portsmouth and Yarmouth.

## CHIROPODISTS AND MEDICAL PROFESSION.

### ADMITTANCE TO NATIONAL REGISTER.

Chiropodists are now recognised medical auxiliaries, and will, in future, collaborate more closely with the medical profession.

This change in their professional status is a result of a decision made last week at a Council Meeting of the Board of Medical Auxiliaries held at Tavistock House, W.C., the headquarters of the British Medical Association.

After the meeting it was announced that the Incorporated Society of Chiropodists and the British Association of Chiropodists are to be admitted to the official register of Medical Auxiliaries which at present consists of apothecaries, masseuses, radiographers and dispensing opticians. The decision, which arises from the official recognition of chiropody by the British Medical Association in July, affects more than 1,200 chiropodists throughout the country whose training and ethics have been found to conform to the standards required by the Board. Ultimately, other organisations whose standards attain that laid down will be considered.

The purpose of the official register of Medical Auxiliaries is to record the names of those holding approved qualifications in medical auxiliary work and also the particular qualifications of each Member. This register is used by medical practitioners, hospitals and local health authorities when specialised auxiliary treatment is required.

Mr. John H. Hanby, President of the Incorporated Society of Chiropodists, who was also speaking on behalf of the British Association of Chiropodists, commenting afterwards on the decision, said:

"The official recognition represents an important step towards the protection of the public from unqualified persons who lack an adequate training in the subject. It is impossible to over-estimate the menace to public safety arising from the activities of so-called foot experts whose whole training in the subject may be confined to a few months' course. Future developments may well include the appointment of chiropodists to hospitals throughout the country as well as the extension of foot welfare centres in factories, and the formation of information bureaux in connection with all national physical fitness plans.

"Another important section of the chiropodists' work in the future will be in co-operation with school medical officers. The incidence of foot trouble among children in every section of the community is very general.

"Complete physical fitness is impossible without foot health, yet it is a fact that considerably over 80 per cent. of the people in Great Britain suffer from foot trouble of some kind.

"The modern chiropodist is a highly skilled and well-trained practitioner and before acceptance has to undergo an intensive two-years' qualification course, comprising anatomy, physiology, surgery and medicine in relation to the foot."

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**Annie McCall Maternity Hospital, Jeffreys Road, London, S.W.**—Miss G. Braine-Hartnell, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Radcliffe Infirmary and County Hospital, Oxford, and has been Staff Nurse at the Chelsea Hospital for Women; Staff Midwife at the Middlesex Hospital, London; Junior Maternity Sister at the Jessop Hospital, Sheffield; Night Sister at the Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway; Sister Tutor at the Maternity Nursing Association, Myddleton Square; and Departmental Maternity Sister at the St. James' Hospital, Balham, London.

**Swansea General and Eye Hospital.**—Miss E. A. White, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, and has been Home Sister and Sister Tutor at the Metropolitan Hospital; Sister Tutor at the Prince of Wales's General Hospital; and Assistant Matron at the Royal Northern Hospital, London. Miss White holds the Diploma in Nursing of the London University, and the Sister Tutor's Certificate of the Battersea Polytechnic.

**Dorset County Hospital, Dorchester.**—Miss D. M. Goodwin, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary, Stoke-on-Trent, and has been Ward Sister and Night Sister at the Royal Hospital, Wolverhampton; Ward Sister, Home Sister and Sister Tutor at St. Luke's Hospital, Lowestoft; Home Sister and Sister Tutor at the Victoria Hospital, Accrington; Assistant Matron at the Gravesend and North Kent Hospital, Gravesend; and Matron at the Central London Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital. Miss Goodwin received her Housekeeping Training at the General Hospital, Nottingham.

**Tyntyla Isolation Hospital, Ystrad-Rhondda.**—Miss Olive Evans, S.R.N., R.F.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Lewisham Hospital, and at the Park Fever Hospital, Hither Green, London, and has been Charge Nurse at the Rhondda (Tyntyla) Isolation Hospital.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

**Western Hospital, Seagrave Road, Fulham, S.W.**—Miss F. B. Soames, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, where she was later Staff Nurse and Ward Sister, and at the Brook Hospital, Shooter's Hill, where she was later Staff Nurse and Sister. Miss Soames has also been Sister at the Grove Hospital, Tooting, and Home Sister at the Western Hospital, Fulham. She holds the Certificate of the Universal Cookery and Food Association.

**Princess Mary's Convalescent Home for Women, Margate.**—Miss A. S. Godrich, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, and has been Sister at the Paddington Infirmary, London; Sister-in-Charge at the Jane Furse Memorial Hospital, Transvaal; Matron at the Government Hospital, Dundee, Natal; Matron at the Umtali Nursing and Maternity Home, S. Rhodesia; Sister at the Mothercraft Training Society, Highgate, London; Administrative Sister at Princess Mary's Hospital, Margate; and Administrative Sister at St. Mary Islington Hospital, London. Miss Godrich holds the Mothercraft Training Society Certificate.

**Downend Babies' Homes, The Crescent, Downend, Bristol.**—Miss Emily Boxall, S.R.N., R.S.C.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Westminster Hospital, and at the Evelina Hospital for Sick Children, London, where she was later Ward Sister. Miss Boxall has also been Night Sister at the Blagrove Branch of the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, and holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the Royal Infirmary, Preston.

### SISTER TUTOR.

**Royal Halifax Infirmary, Halifax.**—Miss Anne Ford, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital, Ipswich, where she was later Theatre Sister, and at the Woking Maternity Hospital. Miss Ford has also been Night Sister at the Lowestoft Hospital; Ward Sister at St. Andrew's Hospital, Bow; Sister Tutor at the Woking Hospital; Theatre and Tutor Sister at the Cheshire Joint Sanatorium, Market Drayton; and Sister Tutor at the Bedford County Hospital. She received her Housekeeping Training at the Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital.

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