

Appointments.

MATRON.

MISS J. WATSON has been appointed Matron of the Victoria Hospital for Sick Children at Hull. Miss Watson was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, and subsequently acted as Night Superintendent for two years at Charing Cross Hospital. She has since held the appointment for three years of Home Sister and Assistant Matron at the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea, and for a short time acted as temporary Matron at the Portsmouth Hospital.

SISTER.

MISS MARY MACKENZIE has been appointed Sister of the Forster Green Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Belfast. Miss Mackenzie received her training at St. Thomas's Hospital, and at the Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Brompton.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSES.

MISS DOUGHTY has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Infirmary, Gressenhall Union, East Dereham, Norfolk. Miss Doughty was trained at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, and has since held the positions of Charge Nurse at Chichester, and at the Fever Hospital, Southend-on-Sea, and Nurse Matron of the Infirmary Wing of St. Pancras Workhouse.

MISS E. F. DWIGHT has been appointed nurse superintendent of the Nottingham Union Hospital. Miss Dwight was trained by the Southern Workhouse Association, and has acted as charge nurse of the male wards of the Nottingham Union Hospital.

CHARGE NURSES.

MISS EDITH DRING has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Royal Infirmary, Windsor. Miss Dring was trained at St. George's Hospital, and is a Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and a Registered Nurse.

MISS BULLOCK has been appointed head nurse at the Greenwich Union Infirmary. Miss Bullock has acted as nurse at the Herne Bay School, the Salop Infirmary, and Norwood College Hospital.

Appointments Abroad.

MISS LOUISE DANCHE, whose name is so well known to our readers, has been advised by her physician to resign her position as Superintendent of the New York City Training School for Nurses, Blackwall's Island. After a few months' rest it is hoped that Miss Danche will be able to resume her work on the island, meanwhile, Miss Diana Kimber has been appointed Superintendent, and a graduate of the school, Miss M. S. Gilmour, Assistant Superintendent. Miss Kimber is the author of a splendid work on anatomy for nurses, widely used by probationers, both in America and England.

Legal Matters.

"NURSE" BRANDISH.

THE trial of Nurse Brandish for the murder of her illegitimate child, which took place at the Warwick Assizes, ended somewhat unexpectedly owing to the jury finding it impossible to agree. The prisoner will therefore be tried again at the Summer Assizes. The details of this case have been put before the public in the daily press, and we do not propose to relate again the unsavoury story. We desire, however, to emphasize the fact, though much has been made of the fact that the accused woman is a "professional nurse," so far as we have been able to discover, she holds no certificates, and has only received a few weeks training in a maternity hospital. We must protest therefore at the adoption of the name of "professional nurse" by women who have not received the training which qualifies them for the title. The fact that Elizabeth Brandish appeared in the dock in the uniform of a trained nurse, is likely to bring the costume into disfavour with nurses generally; indeed, we should not be surprised if this circumstance sounded the death-knell of out-door uniform—as the execution of Mrs. Manning in black satin brought costumes of this material into disrepute for some twenty years—until some means is taken to limit its use to those who alone should be legitimately entitled to it. Nurses may justly claim some legislation which will protect them from the discredit which is brought upon their profession by persons who have no right to the title which they assume.

NURSE SUES A PUBLICAN FOR BREACH OF PROMISE.

At the recent Liverpool Assizes, a nurse named Elizabeth Martin, sued a publican named William Crossfield for breach of promise of marriage. It was stated that the plaintiff nursed the defendant's late wife, and after her death remained with him as house-keeper. Two or three months afterwards, the defendant began to pay attentions to the plaintiff, and asked her to marry him. She consented, but subsequently the defendant refused to fulfil his promise. The case was settled on terms not disclosed. A most unpleasant feature of private nursing, in recent years, is the fact that from time to time cases similar to the foregoing are brought before the public, where the nurse of a deceased patient stays on in the house after the death, and subsequently becomes engaged to the husband of her late patient. Such conduct naturally excites much unfavourable comment, and the lesson to be drawn from it is, we think, that private nurses should be drawn from the ranks of well educated women whose instincts will probably prevent their placing themselves in situations of so compromising a nature.

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