

## Appointments.

### MATRON.

MISS ISABELLA LITTLE has been appointed Matron of the Victoria Hospital for Incurables, Dundee. Miss Little was trained and certificated at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and subsequently was appointed Staff Nurse at the Longmore Hospital for Incurables, Edinburgh, where she had charge of three wards containing forty beds. Miss Little holds high testimonials and, in addition to her nursing qualifications, has a practical knowledge of housekeeping and aptitude for domestic administration.

MISS GERTRUDE APPLEFORD has been appointed Matron of the Leyton Isolation Hospital. Miss Appleford was trained and certificated by St. John's House, Norfolk Street, Strand, and remained on the staff of that institution subsequently. In 1893 she went out to Bombay, where she worked on the staff of the European Hospital, and also did private nursing in connection with the same institution. On her return to England she acted, for a year, as Charge Nurse at the North Eastern Fever Hospital, Tottenham, and as Charge Nurse, Night Superintendent, and Home Sister at the Park Hospital, Hither Green, S.E.

MISS FLORENCE OSBORNE has been appointed Matron of the Hospital of St. Cross, Rugby. Miss Osborne received her training at the County Tyrone Hospital and has been promoted to her present position from the post of Charge Nurse, which she held in the Hospital.

MISS CAROLINE WALKER has been appointed Matron of the General Hospital, Barbadoes. Miss Walker received her training at the London Hospital, and the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea, and subsequently acted as Sister at the Government Hospital, Gibraltar, and the Government Civil Hospital, Hong Kong. She was then appointed Matron of the Hospital of St. Cross, Rugby.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

MISS C. A. ARCHIBALD has been appointed Assistant Matron at the Western Fever Hospital, under the Metropolitan Asylums Board. Miss Archibald was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and for some months has held the position of Night Superintendent at the Chelsea Workhouse Infirmary.

### CHARGE NURSE.

MISS MARY E. CAVE has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Burnley Union Infirmary. Miss Cave received her training at the New Infirmary, Birmingham, and for the last three years has held the position of Assistant Nurse at the Workhouse Infirmary, Plymouth.

## Surgeon-General Sternberg's Report on the Bill for the Employment of Female Army Nurses.

THE following is the report of Surgeon-General Sternberg, on the subject of women nurses in the army, as submitted to Congress:—

“ War Department,  
“ Surgeon-General's Office,  
“ Washington, January 28th, 1899.

To the Honourable the Secretary of War:—

“ Sir,—Referring to Senate Bill 5,353, I have the honour to submit the following remarks with reference to the bill in question:

“ I am in favour of the employment of trained female nurses for the care of seriously sick men in our general hospitals and in division field hospitals in large camps under such circumstances as have existed during the past summer. Congress has given the Surgeon-General of the army authority to employ contract nurses, to be paid from the appropriation for the Medical Department, without any limitation as to sex, and under this authority I have employed a large number of trained female nurses, who have been stationed at our general hospitals and at most of our division field hospitals, where they have rendered excellent service.

“ Before seeing S. 5,353 I had forwarded to you a communication recommending such legislation as seemed to me to be desirable with a view to the continued employment of trained female nurses to such an extent as may be found necessary in the interests of the service. I enclose herewith a copy of this communication.

“ In my opinion there are some objectionable features in the bill now under consideration. In the first place, this bill provides that women nurses in the proportion of not less than one-half of one per centum of the number of men in the United States Army shall be employed in military hospitals. This number might prove to be in excess of the needs of the service in time of peace, and, in my opinion, the number to be employed should be left to the judgment of the Honourable the Secretary of War and the Surgeon-General of the army. Moreover, the requirement that a fixed number must be employed, regardless of the necessities of the service, would prove extremely embarrassing, as none of our military hospitals at posts are provided with quarters for female nurses. It is evidently necessary that the female nurses must have separate quarters and messing arrangements, and if this Bill becomes a law it will involve the building of such quarters in connection with the military hospitals at all of the principal posts in the army.

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