

Appointments.

MATRONS.

MISS F. M. BATES has been appointed Matron of the Louth Hospital. Miss Bates received her training at the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and at present holds the position of Head Nurse at the Darlington Hospital and Dispensary.

MISS M. H. DAVIES, who was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, has been appointed Matron of the Chester Ladies' Charity Institute.

MRS. RIDEHALGH has been appointed Matron of the Millerton Fever Hospital, Ayton, Berwick-on-Tweed. She received her training at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and subsequently held appointments at the Hull Infirmary, and the South-Eastern Fever Hospital, London. For eight years past she has held the appointment of Night Superintendent at the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum, Bromley-by-Bow.

SISTERS.

MISS LOIS LIGHTOWLER has been appointed Sister at the Wakefield Union Infirmary. Miss Lightowler received her training at the Fir Vale Infirmary, Sheffield, and subsequently held the positions of Night Superintendent at the Union Infirmary, Toxeth Park, and of Superintendent Nurse at the Gravesend Union Infirmary.

CHARGE NURSE.

MISS MINNIE P. WALTON has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield. Miss Walton received her training at the York County Hospital, where she subsequently held the position of Sister. She has also been Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Dundee, and Night Superintendent at the Royal Infirmary, Halifax. Miss Walton holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society.

MISS LIZZIE HUTCHINSON, who was trained at the Salford Union Infirmary, has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Hackney Union Schools. Miss Hutchinson has held the appointments of Superintendent Nurse at the Holborn Union Schools, Mitcham, and Charge Nurse at the Sheffield Union.

MISS ANNIE L. CHARTERIS, who was trained at the Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, Dumfries, has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Burnley Union Infirmary.

MISS ANNIE JANE DASHWOOD has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Infirmary of Hackney Union. Miss Dashwood received her training at the Middlesex Hospital.

A Grievous Loss.

THE nursing world has sustained a grievous loss in the death of Miss Louise Darche, until last year the honoured and valued Superintendent of the New York Training School for Nurses, Blackwell's Island. In her capacity as head of this training school Miss Darche made for herself so wide a reputation in the nursing world that she was one of the few notable nurses selected by the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, as Honorary Members of that body.

Louise Darche was born August 20th, 1852, at Lampton Mills, near Toronto, Canada. On the death of her father, when she was eighteen, she qualified as a High School teacher, and for some years was Principal of a school at St. Catherine's, Ontario. In the spring of 1883, having resolved in consequence of her health to give up the profession of teaching for that of nursing, she went to New York to begin her training, and entered the Bellevue Training School for Nurses. The training was in those days very arduous, and her physical strength was far from equal to her mental energy, but she always had force of character to carry through what she had undertaken. After completing her training, she nursed until his death the son of a Chicago millionaire; and so impressed was the father with the value of her services that he built what is known as Bishop's Memorial Training Home for Nurses, at Pittsfield, Mass. Afterwards, she had charge for two years of a little girl with double hip disease, to whom she was both nurse and governess, and did not leave her till she was able to walk without crutches. On returning to New York she was offered the charge of the large Training School for Nurses, on Blackwell's Island, New York City, and accepted it, on condition that she should choose her own assistants. This being acceded to, she associated with herself Miss Kimber, and the two entered on their work January 1st, 1888. Here, as Miss Darche had known, there was terribly up-hill work before her, the Training School being in a state of great inefficiency and disorder, and the tone so low that it was at first difficult to induce suitable candidates to enter for training. By degrees, however, a better state of things was brought about, and the doctors were so well pleased with the results of the training that they obtained from the Charity Commissioners leave to place Miss Darche's nurses in charge of the Accident Hospital of the Public Department of Charities.

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