

also regret that this institution sends out private nurses at lower fees than those ordinarily charged, thereby underselling graduate nurses in private practice.

At the London Hospital, the finest clinical nursing school in England, it is much to be regretted that the Committee obstinately adhere to the very insufficient two years' term of training, more especially as it has been proved that the patients cannot be efficiently nursed without exacting from the nurses a third year of service. In justice to the public, and also to the pupils the term of training should be raised to three years. There is no doubt whatever that the possession of a three years' certificate gives a nurse an infinitely higher position than any two years' certificate can do.

At Middlesex Hospital, certificates can still be bought by lady pupils by twelve months work in the hospital, and also, according to the printed regulations, the general nursing staff are still certificated, and guaranteed as efficient, without any examination.

At University College Hospital, the All Saints Sisters, who for so many years have superintended the nursing of the hospital have retired, and a new system has been established under a lay matron.

King's College Hospital still stands ahead as a splendid example in the nursing world of the benefit to nurses of the maintenance of a first class system of discipline, and high professional tone. From no hospital are better nurses turned out.

In the big country hospitals we hear of progress, and they are rapidly levelling up to the three years' standard.

Under the Local Government we find, upon enquiry, that great progress is being made in the nursing of infirmaries unconnected with workhouses. The training compares most favourably with that given in many general hospitals. More especially is this the case when, as at the Lewisham Infirmary, experience is obtained in obstetric nursing, and in the nursing of insane patients. In the best infirmaries also we find that it is quite general for the nurses to be examined by persons unconnected with the schools—an immense step in advance.

The Matronships of many Hospitals have changed hands during the past year. The most important changes in London, are the appointments of Miss H. E. G. Hamilton, as matron of the University College Hospital. Miss Dora Finch has been appointed matron of

the New Hospital for Women, Euston Road; Miss F. E. Marquardt of the Camberwell Infirmary; Miss K. M. Moore, of the Hospital for Women and Children, Waterloo Bridge Road; Mrs. Ellen Price, of the Brompton Consumptive Hospital; Miss E. C. Vernet, of the National Hospital, Queen's Square; Miss J. Watson, of the Victoria Hospital, Chelsea; Miss Marion Measures, of the Hospital, Gravesend; Miss F. M. Phillips, matron to the Grosvenor Hospital, Vincent Square; Miss G. M. Richards, of the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, City Road; Mrs. F. E. M. Day, of the Eastern Fever Hospital, Homerton; Miss Joanna Hopper, of the Bethnal Green Infirmary; Miss Annie Carter, of the Hospital, Bromley.

In the provinces Miss Minnie Leng has been appointed matron of the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire General Hospital, Miss Annie L. Cox of the Fever Hospital, Monsall; Miss Ellen Bath, of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital; Miss Georgina H. Sked, of the Royal Isle of Wight Infirmary; Miss James, of the Royal Infirmary, Halifax; Miss Dorothy Burroughes, Lady Superintendent of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital; Miss Margaret Bridger, of the Swansea Hospital; Miss E. Bracewell, of the Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool; Miss E. Campbell, of Parkwood Convalescent Home, Swanley; Miss E. Cartwright, of the Women's Hospital, Brighton, Miss Linda Ditcham, of Carmarthen Infirmary; Miss Mary Easton, of the Royal Berks Hospital; Miss Annie Ellis, of the Bristol Jubilee Convalescent Home; Miss E. J. Jessop, of the North Staffordshire Infirmary; Miss L. P. Lessey, of the Taunton and Somerset Hospital; Miss K. M. Mackenzie, of the Huddersfield Infirmary; Miss Mary Ray, of the Lincoln County Hospital; Miss S. E. Polden, of the Royal United Hospital, Bath, and Miss H. M. Todd, of the National Sanatorium, Bournemouth.

In Scotland Miss M. F. Gordon has been appointed Matron of the Arbroath Infirmary, and Miss Philp has been appointed District Superintendent of the Edinburgh Home of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute.

In Ireland Miss Lamont has been appointed General Superintendent of Queen's Nurses, in the place of Miss Dunn.

Nor does this list by any means exhaust the changes during the past year, but space only permits us to enumerate the more important appointments.

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