

Appointments.**MATRON.**

MISS ELIZA MOWAT has been appointed Matron of the Whitechapel Infirmary. Miss Mowat was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, and has held the position of Sister at the New Infirmary, Birmingham. She has lately been Superintendent of the Workhouse Infirmary, Birkenhead.

HOME SISTER.

MISS H. A. QUINTON has been appointed Home Sister at the Birmingham and Midland Counties' Training Institution for Nurses. Miss Quinton was trained at the North Staffordshire Infirmary, Stoke-on-Trent, where she afterwards held the position of Charge Nurse.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

MISS L. M. BIGGS has been appointed Night Superintendent at the Grove Hospital, Tooting. She was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and for the last two years has been Charge Nurse at the Fountain Hospital, Tooting.

MISS KATE FLORENCE KEEPING has been appointed Night Sister at the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum. She was trained at St. Saviour's Infirmary, East Dulwich, and has for the last two years held the position of Ward Sister at the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum.

CHARGE NURSE.

MISS HELEN FINDLAY has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Grove Hospital, Tooting. Miss Findlay was trained at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Aberdeen.

FOREIGN APPOINTMENTS.

MISS MARY ARMSTRONG, Inspector of Queen's Nurses, has been accepted as a member of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa, and has, therefore, resigned her appointment. Miss Armstrong was trained at the Worcester Infirmary, and at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. She also holds the midwifery certificate of the Maternity Hospital, Glasgow. She was appointed a Queen's Nurse in 1891, and for the last three years has held the position of Inspector. She will probably proceed to Africa at the beginning of next year.

MISS C. H. GLOVER, Matron of the Kasr-el-Aini Hospital, Cairo, has also offered her services, which have been accepted, to the Universities' Mission. Miss Glover was a Nightingale Probationer at St. Thomas' Hospital, where she afterwards held the position of Staff Nurse and Sister. She also did Home Sister's duties at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, and subsequently held the positions of Matron of the Sanatorium, Shrewsbury Schools, and Matron of the Royal Eye Hospital, Manchester. Since October, 1898, she has been Matron of the Kasr-el-Aini Hospital.

Nursing Politics.**A DISCLAIMER.**

THAT the present Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association was not in office when we proposed the formation of the Registered Nurses' Society in 1894, to benefit the members of the Association, must be her excuse, we presume, for making a very misleading statement in this month's *Nurses' Journal*. Miss Leigh, who is not a trained nurse, adopts a tone of patronage and advice to the members of this Association, which would be as distasteful as it is absurd if it emanated from any source but that of the unprofessional R.B.N.A.

We should advise Miss Leigh to read up the old Minutes of the Association she has of late years, taken under her fostering care. She will then not fall into so many amateurish errors. Miss Leigh says, "The two Societies of Registered and Chartered Nurses subsisted for some time side by side, but the former society has now severed its connection with the Association."

This statement is entirely untrue. We proposed and helped to found the Registered Nurses' Society in 1894, of which, unhappily, a Miss Etta Jackson was appointed Secretary. In the following year, in conjunction with Mr. Fardon and other members of the official R.B.N.A. ring, Miss Etta Jackson arranged, *unknown to us*, the Hon. Superintendent, to transfer her services, *and those of as many of our nurse members as could be induced to go with her*, into an office a few hundred yards away in the next street. The new Society assumed the title (very improperly, in our opinion) of the Chartered Nurses' Society, and, according to Miss Leigh, like the prototype of the "green bay tree," it has flourished exceedingly.

But it must be distinctly understood that the two Societies never for an hour "subsisted for some time side by side." The members of the Registered Nurses' Society, who remained loyal to their Society and the principles upon which it was founded, naturally most strongly deprecated being classed with Miss Jackson's protégés, and many of them severed their connection with the Royal British Nurses' Association in consequence of the conduct of its officials over this matter, which they, with all honourable persons, condemned.

Many were the questionable methods employed

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