

## Appointments.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

Miss L. Marion Wales has been appointed Matron's Assistant at the Royal United Hospital, Bath. She was trained and certificated at the General Hospital, Bristol, and took the first prize of her year in Medical and Surgical Nursing. She subsequently worked on the Private Nursing Staff in connection with her training school, and for two years was Sister in Charge of the Theatre and Female Floor at the Dorset County Hospital. For the last two years she has held the position of Night Sister at the Royal United Hospital, Bath.

### NIGHT SISTER.

Miss Florence B. Matthew has been appointed Night Sister at the Royal United Hospital, Bath. She was trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

The following appointments have been made for the new Infirmary, Kingston-on-Thames, which is to be opened at the beginning of this month as a distinct institution from the workhouse, from which time it dates as a training school for nurses. This is the second Union Infirmary in connection with which a training school for nurses has been inaugurated during the tenure of office of Miss J. A. Smith, the energetic Lady Superintendent, the other being that of the Bradford Union Infirmary.

### NIGHT SISTER.

Mrs. Margherite Van Raalte. She received her three years' training at the Sussex County Hospital, and was also trained in midwifery at the City of London Lying-in Hospital, and holds the diploma of the London Obstetrical Society.

### WARD SISTERS.

Miss K. H. Todd. She holds the three years' certificate of the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, and has held the positions of Charge Nurse at the Park Hospital, Sister at the Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow, and Charge Nurse at the North-Eastern Hospital, Tottenham.

Miss Helena Maud Garwood. She holds a certificate of two years' training from the London Hospital, and for one year from the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen Square, Bloomsbury. She has held the position of Sister-in-Charge at the Windsor and Eton Royal Infirmary, Sister-in-Charge at Dartford Cottage Hospital, and Head Nurse in a Medical and Surgical Home in New Cavendish Street, W.

## The International Congress of Nurses.

### MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 1901.

### NURSING EDUCATION.

#### PREPARATORY INSTRUCTION FOR NURSES.

By MRS. STRONG,

*Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.*

#### INTRODUCTORY.

Ladies, I must thank you for the honour you have conferred upon me by asking me to read a paper on the "Preparatory Instruction of Nurses," and presume it is the Technical course of study to be pursued, before entering the Wards as probationers for practical training in the art of Nursing, which you desire to hear about, and not the ordinary preliminary general education which is a *sine qua non*.

I ask your indulgence should I digress somewhat from the particular point, as it is a wide subject, with many side issues. I will endeavour to place before you something of our work and aims on the other side of the Atlantic, and the various events in the chain of evolution, which have led to the desire to rescue nursing from its chaotic condition, placing it on a sound basis of systematic tuition leading on to a final examination, to be conducted by an outside body, under the control of the State.

We wish to see ourselves in connection with the General Medical Council, to have a curriculum laid down by them, of the studies, examinations, and work to be done, before a woman presents herself for examination for her Diploma. We cannot be a separate, independent body, we are the hand-maidens of the Medical profession, and if we educate ourselves beyond what is required of us, it is valuable time lost, and is apt to produce a spirit of discontent with the subordinate position which we must hold in regard to the Doctor. On the other hand, we require to keep abreast of the times, and if we do not educate ourselves to meet their needs we cannot expect their interest in us.

Diagnosing is not our province, our responsibility ends with a loyalty of spirit in carrying out the instructions given, obeying in spirit as well as in letter, and it is only by being at one with the Doctors supplying their wants, that we can look for guidance and help from them in the forming of ourselves into a recognised body of people.

I cannot say that my ideas are representative of the thought of the Country, they are merely

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