

## Appointments.

### LADY SUPERINTENDENTS.

Miss Bessie Coleridge Davis has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich. She was trained at King's College Hospital, London, and has held the position of Night Superintendent in that institution and at St. George's Hospital. She has also been Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Bromley, the cancer wing at Middlesex Hospital, and of the Gravesend Hospital.

Miss M. Griffiths has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Royal Mineral Water Hospital, Bath, in succession to Miss E. P. Hellings, who has resigned after holding the appointment for nineteen years. Miss Griffiths was trained at the Manchester Hospital for Sick Children, Pendlebury, and at the Bristol General Hospital. She has held the position of Night Superintendent and Matron's *locum tenens* at the Bootle (Liverpool) General Hospital, and for the last ten years that of Lady Superintendent at the General Infirmary, Denbigh.

Miss Annie Michie has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Worcester City and County Institution for Trained Nurses. She was trained at the North Lonsdale Hospital, Barrow-in-Furness, and has held the position of County Superintendent in connection with the Nurses' Home, St. Austell, Cornwall.

### MATRONS.

Miss Margaret Elwin Sparshott has been appointed Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Derby. She was trained at the General Hospital, Nottingham, where she has also held the position of Sister. She has held the position of Night Superintendent at the General Hospital, Birmingham, where she also acted temporarily as Assistant Matron, and at present holds the position of Matron at the Grimsby and District Hospital.

Miss M. E. Moore has been appointed Matron of the Hastings, St. Leonards, and East Sussex Hospital. She was trained at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, and has held the positions of Staff Nurse and Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, Matron at the International Hospital, Naples, and Night Superintendent at the Leicester Infirmary.

Miss Valetta Shout has been appointed Matron of the Craig Convalescent Home for Children, Morecambe. She was trained at the Alexandra Hospital, London, and at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and has held the positions of Sister at the City Hospital, Liverpool, and at the Hull Sanatorium, and of Matron at the Sanatorium, Morecambe.

Miss Marion Jones has been appointed Matron at the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Exeter. She was trained at the Royal United Hospital, Bath,

and has held the position of Charge Nurse and of Night Superintendent at the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, and of Senior Sister at the Borough Hospital, Croydon.

Miss M. B. Horswell has been appointed Matron of the Belfast Hospital, Transvaal. She was trained at the Infirmary, Salisbury, where she afterwards held the position of Sister. She has also been Sister at the Suffolk General Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds, and at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, and held the post of Matron of the Burgher Camp Hospital, Klerksdorp.

Miss Annie Beetlestone has been appointed Matron of the Accident Home, Hednesford, Staffordshire. She was trained at the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, where she has also held the position of Sister.

### NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss N. C. Stokes has been appointed Night Superintendent at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

### SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Miss Kate Girdler has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Bedford Union. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Northampton, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool, and of District Nurse at Market Harborough.

## The Danger of Delay in the Case of Large Abdominal Tumours.\*

By BEDFORD FENWICK, M.D.

Two cases which came under my care last year may be usefully contrasted as proving the importance of early operation in cases of rapidly-growing fibroid tumours of the uterus, or, indeed, of any large abdominal growths, and the grave danger to the patient if those tumours are permitted to reach to large dimensions before any attempt is made to remove them. The first case was a patient fifty-four years of age, who for eighteen years at least had noticed a gradual enlargement of her abdomen. During the last six or eight months, she had had more or less pain, having previously complained of nothing but the increasing weight and distension. When I saw her, I found a fibroid tumour of the uterus, part of which completely filled the pelvis, whilst it also extended upwards to the ensiform cartilage and distended the abdomen. The cardiac sounds and action were extremely feeble; she suffered from attacks of great dyspnoea. She earnestly pleaded for operative relief, although warned that the operation would be extremely dangerous in her weakened state. In deference to her wishes, I removed two large and almost separate masses, with considerable difficulty—first, because the

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