

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Miss Emily S. Garside has been appointed Matron of the Essex and Colchester Hospital. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and has held the position of Sister at the Salop Infirmary, and of Night Sister and Home Sister at the General Hospital, Birmingham.

Miss Jessie A. Morrison has been appointed Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Galashiels. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and has been Sister at the Kirkcaldy Cottage Hospital, and at the Arbroath Infirmary. She has also had experience in private nursing.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Miss Linda Kate Masters has been appointed Assistant Matron at the North Evington Poor-Law Infirmary, Leicester. She was trained at the Whitechapel Infirmary, where she held the position of Night Superintendent.

SISTERS.

Miss Elizabeth Mary Radcliffe has been appointed Sister at the Fever Hospital, Plaistow. She received her training in general nursing at the Infirmary, Sunderland, and in infectious work at the Sanatorium, Cardiff. She has also held the position of Sister at the Fever Hospital, Darlington.

Miss Lucy Birkinshaw has been appointed Sister at the Monsall Fever Hospital, near Manchester. She was trained at the General Infirmary Huddersfield, and has had experience in private nursing at Southampton and Bradford.

Miss Ellen F. Jackson has been appointed Sister at the North Evington Poor Law Infirmary, Leicester. She was trained at the Infirmary, Leeds.

Miss Martha E. Eldred has been appointed Sister in the same institution. She was trained at the Bagthorpe Infirmary, Nottingham.

Miss Fanny Barnes has been appointed Sister at the District Hospital, Grimsby. She was trained at the Royal Free Hospital.

CHARGE NURSE.

Miss Margaret Woodley has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Borough Fever Hospital, Dover. She was trained in infectious nursing at the Eastern Fever Hospital, and has acted as Nurse at the Southend-on-Sea Borough Sanatorium.

HEAD NURSE.

Miss Agnes Head, of the Union Infirmary, Ipswich, has been appointed Head Nurse at the Workhouse Infirmary, Swaffham.

ASSISTANT NURSE.

Miss Bird, of the Union Infirmary, Ipswich, has been appointed Assistant Nurse at the Workhouse Infirmary, Swaffham.

The Nursing of a Case of Caesarian Section.

By A PRIVATE NURSE.

Mrs. X., age 31, a primipara, was admitted into a nursing home a fortnight before her expected confinement. She was examined six months before, when a fibroid as large as a cocoa-nut was felt in the vagina attached to the uterus. Just a year before, Mrs. X. was hurriedly brought into the same home suffering from some complaint, which passed off satisfactorily without any operation or complications. She had been married six years. Dr. Z. examined Mrs. X., and found the fibroid had greatly increased in size since he saw her three months before, and as she had considerable dropsy, and the urine contained a good deal of albumen, he ordered her to be kept on milk diet, which she had had for four weeks before admission, and postponed the operation for another ten days or a fortnight. At 6 p.m. two days later, labour pains set in, when the doctor decided to perform the operation the following morning, or before if necessary, but he hoped the child might be able to be born in the usual way. At 5 a.m. the membranes ruptured and meconium was passed. The patient was then informed by the medical attendant that it was impossible for the child to be born alive (the presentation being a breech), but he could remove it in the ordinary way with very little risk to her. If, however, he performed an operation the child's life might be saved, but she would be running a great risk of losing her own life. Mrs. X. at once said she would risk the operation. As the pains were regular and not very frequent, Dr. Z. decided to operate at 10 a.m. The abdomen was prepared, shaving being done between the pains. At 10 a.m. chloroform was administered, and on an incision being made in the middle line a large amount of fluid escaped. A very few minutes after the baby boy and placenta were handed over to a waiting nurse, the baby crying feebly. The fibroid (weighing 6½ lb.) and the uterus were then removed and the wound stitched up, a dressing applied, and the patient put back to bed as quickly as possible. She was perfectly colourless, cold and collapsed. At 12.30 she was conscious, but quite pulseless, and remained in this condition till 9 p.m., when the pulse could be counted, and was 136, the respiration 40; the temperature after operation 95 deg.; at 10 p.m., 101 deg. From the time the patient was put back to bed 1-60th part of a grain of strychnine was given hypodermically, and nutrient enemata of beef-tea ʒi., peptonoids ʒii., brandy ʒss., every four hours. The catheter was used after eight hours, only ʒiii. of urine was passed, and previous to the operation the urine was perfectly solid with albumen. There was very little vomiting after the chloroform; sips of hot water were given to drink. The patient was very pleased and cheered when told she had a living

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