

Appointments.

NURSE MATRON.

The Hospital, Castle Douglas.—Miss Margaret Morton has been appointed Nurse-Matron. She was trained at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne, where she has held the positions of Theatre Sister, Ward Sister, and Night Superintendent.

NURSE-INSPECTOR OF HOSPITALS.

Government Charities' Department, Western Australia.—Sister Blackburn, of the Hospital, Perth, Western Australia, has been appointed Inspector under the Government Charities Department, to inspect hospitals (which in Western Australia are all Government institutions) and Babies' Homes. The position is an entirely new one, and Sister Blackburn is to have an Assistant.

ASSISTANT INSPECTOR.

Hospitals and Charitable Aid Department, Wellington, New Zealand.—Miss Amelia Bagley has been appointed Assistant Inspector of Hospitals and Midwives in New Zealand. Her work, says *Kai Tiaki*, is to lie chiefly in inspecting and supervising the many small maternity hospitals, which are scattered about the cities and country districts, and to help with advice and instruction those midwives who were registered when the Midwives' Act was passed, but who had not had the advantage of training. She will travel from one end of the Dominion to the other, working for two or three months from one centre, and then moving to another. It is hoped by this system of inspection to do something towards improving the conditions of midwifery work among the poorer classes; to find out the women who endeavour to work conscientiously according to their lights, and help them by giving them such instruction as is possible under the circumstances. And also to find out those whose practices make them a danger to the lying-in mother and child, and who therefore should not be allowed to work as so many of them do, without supervision.

Miss Bagley's work will be shared by Miss Bicknell, who has already been in the Government service under the Inspector-General of Hospitals for a year. The work will all be immediately under the supervision of Miss Maclean. Both these inspectors are New Zealand nurses, trained in general nursing and in midwifery, and were pupils of the first terms of Wellington St. Helen's and Dunedin St. Helen's respectively. Miss Bagley's certificate was one of the few signed by Mr. Seddon.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Union Infirmary, Leeds.—Miss Elsie B. Puddy has been appointed Second Assistant Matron. She received her training at the Kensington and the Marylebone Infirmaries.

SISTERS.

Huddersfield Infirmary.—Miss Alice Bowdler has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, and has held the position of Sister at the County Hospital, Lincoln.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Appointments.—The following lady has received an appointment as Staff Nurse: Miss L. E. Schneider.

Postings and Transfers.—Staff Nurses: Miss M. E. Brewer, to the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank; Miss M. E. Jacob, to Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot; Miss M. Barton and Miss E. C. Ellis, to Military Hospital, Cairo.

Miss Mabel Fisher, Staff Nurse, resigns her appointment. Dated September 5th, 1908.

Miss Margaret Alice Wilson Green has been appointed Staff Nurse (provisionally). Dated August 19th, 1908.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE

Transfers and Appointments.—Mrs. Alexander to Melbury, Miss E. Dennis to Tunbridge Wells, Miss E. Ellison to South Elmsall, Miss A. Friend to Southwark, Miss M. Griffiths to Milford Haven, Miss A. Morgan to Porthcawl, Miss V. Pearson to Cheltenham, Miss K. L. Scudamore to Manchester (Ardwick Home) (temp.), Miss M. Simpson to Plaistow, Miss E. Welch to Kensington, Miss A. M. Wilkinson to Birmingham (Summer Hill Road Home).

THE PASSING BELL.

The death of Miss Laura Barbara Clark, Queen's Nurse, will be a grief to many. For three and a half years she worked at Alyth, where she was much beloved. She then went out to South Africa, and on her return rejoined the Institute, and was the first Queen's Nurse at Baillieston. She had been off duty for a few months at the time of her death.

We regret to record the death of Miss Hooker, one of the town nurses at Chepstow, from blood poisoning contracted while attending a patient.

Legal Matters.

Two cases of alleged fraud by women claiming to be nurses have recently been before the courts. At Clerkenwell Police Court, Clara Cameron, wearing nursing uniform, was charged with attempting to obtain money by false pretences from a boarding-house keeper at King's Cross. When engaging rooms she suddenly exclaimed that she had been robbed, and asked for the loan of 6s. 6d. from the landlady. She subsequently went to the Hunter Street Police Station to report the loss of a purse, and Detective-Sergeant Bridge, recognising that she answered to the description of a nurse "wanted" for frauds of the kind, arrested her. The case was remanded.

Anna M'Intosh Fairweather, stated to be a nurse, was charged in the Aberdeen Sheriff Court with inducing a domestic servant to advance her £10 for a share, which she said she had taken in the Grimsby Trading Company, which sum it is alleged she converted to her own use. She was committed for trial.

There is, of course, no means of ascertaining whether these women have had any training as nurses.

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