

She was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions, bail being allowed.

We hope that at the trial she will not be permitted to wear the uniform of a profession with which she has no association in the dock.

Whatever is the outcome of the foregoing cases, it is manifest that for the safety of the public and the honour of the nursing profession, the establishment of a General Nursing Council under State authority to exercise general supervision and maintain discipline in the nursing ranks is an imperative necessity.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Cottage Hospital and Dispensary, Ormskirk.—Miss Lizzie Violet Robertson has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Corporation Fever Hospital, Bootle, and at the Chelsea Infirmary, in which latter place she was promoted to the position of Ward Sister.

SISTER.

Poor-Law Hospital, Halifax.—Miss Nellie Wood has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the District Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne, and has since had experience in private nursing.

CHARGE NURSE.

Dartford Union Infirmary.—Miss Ethel K. Batey has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at Farnham Infirmary, where she has held the position of Charge Nurse. She has also had experience in private nursing.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Trowbridge and Melksham Union Infirmary.—Miss L. E. Baker has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at Eastville Union Infirmary, Bristol, and has held the position of Head Nurse at Bridgend Asylum, and of Staff Nurse at Newport County Hospital.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE. FOR NURSES.

Transfers and Appointments.—Miss Alice Dyer, Assistant to General Superintendent, appointed Inspector, South-Western Counties; Miss Anne C. Halliday, transferred from Inspector Western and South-Western Counties, to Inspector Eastern Counties; Miss C. P. Phillips, to Batley; Miss E. Beckett, to Babraham; Miss C. Billingham, to Turner's Hill; Miss A. Bounds, to Marlborough; Miss N. C. Brindley, to Rochdale; Miss M. E. Elwell, to Three Towns; Miss V. E. Hunt, to Norwich; Miss E. J. Jones, to Treorchy; Miss M. W. Leonard, to Shoreditch; Miss W. Mathieson, to Eltham; Miss S. E. Morris, to Carlisle; Miss E. Sissons, to Three Towns; Miss E. E. Smith, to Plaistow.

THE OGILVY DALGLEISH GOLD MEDAL.

Sir William Ogilvy Dalgleish, President of the Dundee Royal Infirmary, during the course of the annual Christmas gathering, warmly congratulated Nurse Helen Macdonald, who had won the Ogilvy Dalgleish Gold Medal, for general efficiency, upon her success.

Nursing Echoes.



The kindness of the Queen in sending a large number of Christmas gifts to Ireland for distribution in the military hospitals in the Irish command, which are staffed by ladies of the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, aroused great enthusiasm.

Her Majesty's gifts include such articles as pictures, carpets, rugs, and flower vases for decorative purposes in the hospital wards, and have been distributed to the wards of all the principal military hospitals in Dublin, the Curragh, and Cork, where they will add materially to the comfort of the patients.

The Queen sent the following telegram in reply to a message from 130 little patients in the wards of the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road:—"The Queen thanks the children for kind message, and wishes them every blessing in the New Year."

We have to thank many readers for kindly sending us reports of the delightful and enjoyable functions which have taken place in many hospitals and infirmaries during the past week. Christmas Tree week we think describes it admirably—an equal delight to patients, old and young. To show the loving kindness and taste expended by nurses and others in giving pleasure to patients one might just quote a description sent us of how the festive season was observed and the wards decorated at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital.

The Hon. E. W. B. Portman, the President of the institution, followed his usual custom by sending a large Christmas tree, which was placed in Gould Ward, and was loaded with miscellaneous toys and articles suitable for presents. The tree, as usual, was brilliantly lighted with electric lamps, free of charge, by Mr. West, of High Street. The decoration of the various wards was again of a very artistic description, and presented quite a picturesque effect, each ward being decorated by the Sister, assisted by the nurses. The Conservators' Ward was very prettily adorned with mistletoe and carnations. Blake Ward looked very effective, the chief feature of the decorations being holly, set off with large imitation butterflies in gaudy colours, with a prettily designed

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