

## Appointments.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

**Royal Portsmouth Hospital.**—Miss Eleanor Lea has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the North Staffordshire Infirmary and Eye Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Eastern District Hospital, Glasgow, Sister at the Royal Portsmouth Hospital, and Night Sister at the West Ham and East London Hospital.

### NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

**St. George's Infirmary, Fulham Road, S.W.**—Miss M. J. Turner has been appointed Night Superintendent. She was trained at the Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Union Hospital, Cardiff, and the Infirmary, Dorking Road, Epsom, and of Ward Sister at St. George's Infirmary, Fulham Road, S.W.

**General Infirmary, Sunderland.**—Miss S. Agnes Thorpe has been appointed Night Superintendent. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, and in district nursing at 23, Bloomsbury Square, W.C. She has also been Night Superintendent at the Royal United Hospital, Bath, Matron at the Lawn Asylum, Lincoln, Superintendent of the Derbyshire County Nursing Association, and Inspector of Midwives for Derbyshire. She is a certified midwife.

### SISTERS.

**Isolation Hospital, Davenham.**—Miss L. Pointon has been appointed Sister. She was trained at Hanley, Stoke Fenton, and Longton Hospital, Bucknall, Staffordshire, and has held the position of Charge Nurse and Assistant Matron at Bucknall Hospital.

### CHARGE NURSE.

**Swansea Union.**—Miss Clara Elizabeth Saunders has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at Merthyr Infirmary, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Isolation Hospital, Merthyr, Queen's Nurse at Birmingham, and of Charge Nurse and Superintendent Nurse at the Bedwellty Union.

**The Portsmouth Infirmary.**—Miss K. Willens has been appointed Charge Nurse.

Miss A. Delahay has also been appointed Staff Nurse.

### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Miss Blanche Sarah Vaughan, Sister, is placed on retired pay. Dated July 1st, 1909.

Miss Maud MacGregor, Sister, is retired on account of ill-health, receiving a gratuity. Dated June 19th, 1909.

The undermentioned Staff Nurses to be Sisters: Dated July 1st, 1909:—Miss Sophia O. Beamish, Miss Helena Hartigan, Miss Margaret C. Johnston, Miss Harriet M. E. Macartney, and Miss Ethel M. Rentzsch.

The undermentioned Staff Nurses are confirmed in their appointments, their periods of provisional service having expired: Miss Marcella Kearney, Miss Eveline D. Lang, and Miss Mary A. Roe.

Miss Jane Andrina Millar Stuart to be Staff Nurse (provisionally). Dated June 17th, 1909.

### QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE

*Transfers and Appointments.*—Miss Emily Barnwell, to Gainford; Miss Jeanie B. Clark, to Durley and Fair Oak; Miss Emily E. Connell, to Bideford; Miss May E. Davis, to Skelmersdale; Miss Agnes E. Hughes, to Hayle; Miss Margaret Morris, to Beaumaris; Miss Mary B. Pattison, to Marlborough; Miss Catherine P. Phillips, to Holbeck Home, Leeds; Miss Ethel P. Short, to Neath; Miss Emily N. Wilkinson, to East London (Central Division).

### EXAMINATIONS

The report of Dr. John Fawcett, Physician to Guy's Hosp., on the examination of the probationer nurses at the Portsmouth Infirmary, which was submitted by the Infirmary Committee to the Guardians at a recent meeting exemplifies the value of an independent examination, and of the criticism of an examiner. Dr. Fawcett expressed his satisfaction with the second and third year nurses, the examinations showing that the standard of teaching had been well maintained throughout the year with very good results. His report, in part, is as follows:—

*Third year.*—Two nurses from among those in the third year failed, while 10 were successful; Nurses Gibbs and Coggan passed a "very good" examination; Nurses Honeywood, K. Willens, B. A. B. Smith, A. Delahay, and L. Vinell, a "good" examination; and Nurses K. A. Houghton, S. Taylor, and E. L. Hewett a "satisfactory" examination.

*Second year.*—From amongst the second year nurses eight were successful, and one failed; Nurse K. Austen passed a "very good" examination; Nurses Gill, R. Smith, Killick, and Heard a "good" examination; and Nurses Corney, Faithwaite, and Covington, were "satisfactory."

*First year.*—Of the first year nurses I am unable to speak in such high terms as in past years, as the result of the examination was by no means satisfactory. The answers to the questions set in the papers were, in many cases, less complete than usual, and badly expressed. The result of the viva voce examination was, on the whole, satisfactory. A study of the papers appears to me to point to the conclusion that the standard of general education attained by some of the candidates, previous to the commencement of their training, was considerably below that of former years.

Commenting on the report the Chairman, Mr. E. Hall, said that the aim and object of the Committee in the future should be to see that the scholastic part of the nurses' education should be gone into first, and that the training should follow. This is a very satisfactory outcome.

### WEDDING BELLS.

Sister Sarah O'Neill, who has been for 15 years nurse in Cork Street Fever Hospital, Dublin, has resigned her post on account of her approaching marriage. Amongst the gifts she received were a cheque from the Committee, dinner and tea service from members of the Nursing Staff, household linen from the Matron, and from a grateful patient a silver tea service and biscuit box. She carries with her the good wishes of her fellow workers, by whom she will be much missed.

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