

foreign service. It is simply waste of money to transport untrained women in any capacity whatever. Such service in military hospitals should be the reward of the patriotism of the professional nurse who in time of peace has qualified herself for her responsible duties.

A French Flag Nurse writes: "The only people here who consider us superfluous are the V.A.D.'s. *They* can't think what the Minister for War means by importing trained English Nurses.' How like them!"

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Beckett Hospital, Barnsley.—Miss Edith Willis has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, where she has held the positions of Ward Sister and Night Sister and has acted as Assistant Matron.

Isolation Hospital, Pentrobin, near Hawarden.—Miss Teresa Dowling has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Township of South Manchester Hospitals, West Didsbury, Manchester, and at the City Hospital, Park Hill, Dingle, Liverpool.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

The Infirmary, Bolton.—Miss Rose Bland has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Grimsby and District Hospital, and has held the position of Sister at the Wolverhampton Hospital and the Essex County Hospital, and of Night Sister at the Northern Hospital, Manchester, and of Housekeeping Sister at the Coventry Hospital. She has also done Matron's Holiday duty at the Southport Infirmary.

SISTER.

Kensington Infirmary.—Miss E. Carter has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Shirley Warren Infirmary, Southampton, and has been Staff Nurse at the Victoria Park Hospital, E. She has also done district nursing as a Queen's Nurse.

CHARGE NURSE.

Chelmsford Union.—Miss Helena M. Parker has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich, and has been Charge Nurse at the Barnet Union Infirmary.

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TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Martha E. Carter is appointed to Royston (Herts.), Miss Emma L. P. Chetwynd to Radcliffe, Miss Marion L. Hancox to Grantham, Miss Elizabeth Kay to Elloughton and Wolton, Miss Ellen L. Reade to Tunbridge Wells.

PRESENTATION.

The Committee of the Illingworth Nursing Association regret that Nurse Newbury has resigned her post as district nurse to take up the duties of health visitor near Manchester. In recognition of the faithful and devoted service rendered to the district for the past eight years the committee and friends have presented her with an oak writing desk and illuminated address, wishing her success in her new work.

NURSING ECHOES.

To all our readers A Happy New Year. That many may meet sorrow by the way is very sure, and yet the true nurse has, even in these days of shadow and grief, so much to uplift her spirit, in doing her duty with a whole heart, that great peace and comfort must ensue. She must and will have many serene hours, after great stress and strain of work, after relieving pain, soothing minds distraught, seeing her patients get better day by day, or in helping spirits to pass hopefully away. There *will* be much comfort for tender nurses; we may therefore safely wish them A Happy New Year.

We fear we have been very remiss this Christmas season—so many kind greetings received from many parts of the world, and no time so far to respond to them; but when we confess, owing to a stress of work, we have had no Christmas holiday, not even one day, we feel sure the faithful ones will grant forgiveness for what must not be accounted to us for lack of thought or interest in many dear old friends. For kind letters, cards, and flowers we now express most grateful thanks.

Amongst Christmas cards received from South Africa is a picture of the bridge over the Zambesi near the Victoria Falls, which a nurse writes "is being guarded night and day to prevent its being blown up by the Germans, who have territory near." The only peaceful spot in the world from which we have had pictorial greetings appears to be Ponte Buarque de Macêdo, Pernambuco, where the boats lie at anchor in unrippled waters, the shores fringed with most beautiful and picturesque buildings and trees, and where land and sea are evidently flooded with lovely sunlight, and canopied by a cloudless sky. From this lovely spot Sister Brockie sends "remembrances and all good wishes." The pioneer work she and Sister Maudling went to do in South America has been most useful, and they are to be greatly congratulated upon its success. The more difficult a bit of work is, the better British nurses seem to do it.

Amusement was caused at a recent meeting of Boston Guardians by a suggestion contained in a report by Miss L. W. Wamsley, a Local Government Board Inspector, on a visit paid by her to the workhouse. The report was made to the Local Government Board, who forwarded it for the Guardians' consideration, and, incidentally, we may remark other Boards of

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