

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRONS.

Inverurie Epidemic Hospital.—Miss Margaret Beattie has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Aberdeen City Hospital and has been Deputy Matron in the Burgh Hospital, Falkirk.

Cottage Hospital, Stratton, North Cornwall.—Miss Mary C. Robertson has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Children's Hospital, Gloucester, and Guy's Hospital, London, and has been Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Kington, Herefordshire, of the Cottage Hospital, Brackley, Northamptonshire, and of the Cottishall Nursing Home, Norwich.

NIGHT SISTER.

Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford.—Miss Fossitt has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the Camberwell Infirmary, and temporarily held the position of Night Sister there. She has since been Ward and Theatre Sister at the Victoria Memorial Hospital, Nice, and Ward and Theatre Sister at the City of Westminster Infirmary, Fulham Road.

SISTER.

Western Hospital, Seagrave Road, Fulham, S.W.—Miss Violet O'Brien has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the North Charitable Infirmary, Cork, and has been staff nurse at the Western Hospital, Ward Sister and Night Sister at the Medical College Hospital, Calcutta, and Sister at the 1st Military Reserve Hospital, Kragujevatz, Serbia.

Union Infirmary, Wakefield.—Miss Marion Stuart Gray has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Union Infirmary, Huddersfield, where she also held the position of Staff Nurse and Charge Nurse. She has since had experience of private nursing.

The Infirmary, Dudley.—Miss Catherine Fitzsimons has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Erdington Infirmary, Birmingham, and is a certified midwife.

Miss Edith Wright has also been appointed Sister in the same institution. She was trained at the Erdington Infirmary, and is a certified midwife.

WEDDING BELLS.

The marriage of Sister Beatrice J. Maclachlan with Dr. Donald Dowie, of Sandal, Wakefield, is arranged to take place in Stirling on Wednesday, June 12th. Sister Maclachlan was trained at Glasgow Royal Infirmary, and subsequently gained experience in the nursing of fever cases at the Brook Hospital, Shooters Hill, S.E. For the last two years she has been a member of the staff of the Registered Nurses' Society, never failing to win the esteem of her patients. Very sincerely do her colleagues wish her much happiness in her married life.

EN ROUTE.

Miss Annie E. Hulme, and Miss Beatrice Kent, the official delegates of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland to the meeting of the International Council of Nurses, and the Nurses' Congress, at San Francisco next month, left Euston by the boat train on Wednesday morning en route for Liverpool, where they embarked on the s.s. *Philadelphia*. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President of the National Council of Trained Nurses, and a number of nursing friends, as well as relatives, were there to bid them God speed. As the long train steamed out, our delegates appeared at the window with flowers, the gift of the Council, in their hands. Crimson roses, white carnations, and blue cornflowers—their national colours, and fragrant pink Maryland roses, symbolical of the country for which they are destined.

THE PASSING BELL.

We regret to announce the death of Mabel Bourke, who was drowned by the sinking of the *Lusitania*. Her contemporaries of nearly thirty



MRS. BOURKE, *née* ENGLAND.

years ago at Charing Cross and the Metropolitan Hospitals will remember her before her marriage as "Baby England." She commenced her training at a younger age than was usual, and her slight build and gay manner made her appear younger than her years. But underneath the wayward charm of the girl lay the true nursing vocation. Dainty, neat, agile and thorough, she was, in addition, adored by her patients.

She held the certificate of St. John's House, and the L.O.S., and took her fever training at the Liverpool Road Fever Hospital.

Some years later she practised as a midwife in Bethnal Green.

"When the shore is won at last,
Who shall count the billows past?"
May she rest in peace.

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