

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**Isolation Hospital, Malvern.**—Miss J. E. Gilbert has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the City Hospital, Edinburgh, and the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, and has been Ward Sister and Deputy Matron of the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Huddersfield, Sister-in-Charge of the Sanatorium, Warrington, and Superintendent of Nurses at the Blackburn Fever Hospital.

**Bideford and District Hospital, Bideford, North Devon.**—Miss Jennie Jones has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Llanelly General and Eye Hospital, and has held positions of responsibility at the Infirmary, Aberystwyth, the General Hospital, Cardigan, and elsewhere.

**Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin.**—Miss E. M. Power has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, and has held the post of Sister in the Royal Victoria Hospital for the last nine years.

### SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

**Union Infirmary, Blackburn.**—Miss Mary Alice Wood has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at the Prescott Poor-Law Infirmary and has been Home Sister and Deputy Superintendent Nurse and Night Superintendent at Beverley Road Infirmary, Hull; Sister-in-Charge at Bradford Children's Hospital; and is at present Superintendent Nurse at the Lincoln Union Infirmary. She is a certified midwife.

## NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

### NURSES' EMPLOYMENT CENTRE.

#### RECENT APPOINTMENTS.

**Matrons.**—Auxiliary Military Hospital, Glendarroch, N.B., Miss M. O. Wilson; War Hospital, Clopton, Miss A. Purchas.

**Night Sisters.**—Roehampton House, Miss D. M. Argent; St. Peter's Hospital, Covent Garden, Miss Keene.

**Ward Sisters.**—War Hospitals, Exeter, Misses L. A. Boniface, A. E. Ellis, E. Bleazby, L. Humphreys.

**Nurse.**—Paddington District Nursing Association, Miss A. M. Harding.

**Nurse and Midwife.**—English Hospital, Cairo, Miss Lake.

### MEDALS FOR NURSES.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Management of the King Edward VII Hospital at Cardiff, the Sir William James Thomas medals for the three probationer nurses who had attained the greatest proficiency at the institution were awarded to the following:—Gold medal, Nurse Marie Goldsworthy; silver medal, Nurse Jane Nixon; bronze medal, Nurse Alice M. Thomas. Each of the recipients was congratulated in warm terms by the chairman, as was also the Matron (Miss Montgomery Wilson).

## NURSING ECHOES.

Now that women have a voice in the making of our laws we hope that those relating to the law of libel in regard to venereal disease will receive attention.

The following instance of the way in which the disease is spread was given by Mr. E. B. Turner, F.R.C.S., at the third annual general meeting of the National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases, and is published in its third annual Report:—

"With regard to this disease, the law of libel affects both the layman and the doctor, and in different ways. The layman may become cognisant that a person is liable to spread this infection in the most ghastly and horrible way. I will give you one instance, and could easily multiply examples. Some time ago a girl went into a lock hospital; she was dissatisfied with her treatment there and took her discharge—as she had every right to do under our present system—being in a virulently infectious stage of the disease. She went away; in two or three weeks' time she came back to take tea with the Sister garbed as a nurse; she was nursing at the time, and was continuing to do so. Can you imagine anything more horrible than that a poor, unfortunate sick person should be attended by someone liable to give him or her a loathsome disease? The Sisters in that ward, the visitors to that hospital, could take no action whatever, because it is a distinct libel to say that any person is suffering from this disease; and had they said so, they would have been liable to any action which might have been brought against them. And, although a competent judge and jury might have found that there was no malice, and have, therefore, decided in favour of the defendant, still, an action brought by a person might easily result in the defendant being cast in damages, and in any case becoming liable for costs and thus fined for her altruistic exertions. That is how that law at present stands with regard to lay people."

Presumably trained nurses, having no legal status, rank as "lay people" in the eyes of the law.

Had we been a Sister in that hospital we would have risked the action for libel and the damages.

Bush nursing in Australia is work of real and wonderful national importance. A friend sends us the following little report:—

"Sister Greer told a wonderful story of heroic endurance last night before the National Council of Women. With the aid of many fine lantern slides, she described the work performed by the Bush nurses in the outlying districts from 10 to 80 miles away from railways.

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