

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Udal Torre Sanatorium, Yelverton.—Miss Ethel Margaret Henderson has been appointed Matron. She was trained at University College Hospital and has been Sister at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Sister and Assistant Matron at the Kelling Sanatorium. She has worked on the staff of the Nurses' Co-operation, and is a member of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

SUPERINTENDENT SISTER.

Sheffield Street Hospital, Kingsway.—Miss G. M. W. Nash has been appointed Superintendent Sister. She was trained at the Croydon Infirmary and at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, and has been Sister and Assistant Matron at the Croydon Infirmary, and did war work as a member of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve. She has also been Night Sister at the Marlborough Maternity Section of the Royal Free Hospital, W.C.

THEATRE SISTER.

Royal Infirmary, Bradford.—Miss Anne Foley has been appointed Theatre Sister. She was trained at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, and has been Ward Sister and Night Sister at the District Infirmary, Ashton-under-Lyne, Theatre Sister at the Third Western General Hospital, Cardiff, and Sister at Romsley Hill Sanatorium, Birmingham.

HONOURS FOR NURSES.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL IN GOLD.

At the annual meeting held at Red Cross National Headquarters at Washington on December 8th (says the *American Journal of Nursing*) significant recognition of the service rendered by American nurses in war and peace was given by conferring in memory of the late Jane A. Delano, their leader in the World War, the Distinguished Service Medal of the American Red Cross, in gold. This is the first time this medal has been conferred and is the highest honour the American Red Cross can bestow.

THE PASSING BELL.

We deeply regret to report the death, at Baghdad, of Miss Beatrice Jones, C.B.E., R.R.C., Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, Matron-in-Chief, Mesopotamia, 1916-1920. Trained in the Nursing School at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, she was one of its most distinguished graduates, and her death will be sincerely mourned by many friends and colleagues.

A TRIBUTE TO "OUR CHIEF."

BY ONE WHO LOVED HER.

Many Sisters will grieve with me over the death of Miss Beatrice Jones, C.B.E., R.R.C., Q.A.I.M.N.S., Matron-in-Chief in Mesopotamia from 1916 to 1920.

She died at Baghdad on January 15th, so the cable says, but we must wait a little for further news of "Our Chief's" last days.

What a wonderful personality! How indefatigably she worked those four years for the good of our sick and wounded under the most trying circumstances and climate, with never a thought for herself!

Few women had such organising powers as Miss Jones, and the hospitals under her care from Basrah

to Baghdad and on to Mosul were one and all of a very high standard. How proud she was of them all!

How we looked forward to her tours of inspection, each vying with the other to do her utmost to please "Our Chief," who devoted such endless care and time for the welfare of the patients and her nursing staff.

It was my great privilege to work under Miss Jones almost four years—the happiest time in my life—and I know how many others will feel with me they have lost the best of friends.

Miss Jones was a St. Bartholomew's Hospital nurse. She returned to Baghdad in September last as Matron-in-Chief of the Civil Administration. How short a time she had commenced her new task, for now she lies outside the City of Blue Domes and Minarets in the graveyard where our other "Chief," General Sir Stanley Maude, also rests, in the land she loved, "between the two rivers."

MEDALS AND PRAISE FOR NURSES.

Before the business of the monthly meeting of the Board of Management of the King Edward VII Hospital, Cardiff, was entered upon on January 19th, there was an interesting ceremony of the presentation of medals to the three most proficient nurses of the year by Lady Diamond. The recipients were:—

Nurse Muriel Jenkins (gold medal).

Nurse E. Winstone (silver).

Nurse Gladys Jones (bronze).

Dr. Ewen Maclean expressed the deep sense of indebtedness of the hospital to the whole body of nurses for the excellent work they had accomplished during the past year, and he also paid a tribute to the noble work of the Matron, Miss E. Mont-Wilson. The record of the winner of the gold medal, he said, was that of a thoroughly satisfactory, all-round working nurse, and her record in the wards very clearly established with other things her claim for the outstanding position of the gold medallist of the year.

Sir William James Thomas, Bart., the donor of the medals, was warmly thanked.

COMING EVENTS.

January 28th.—Royal Sanitary Institute, Sessional Meeting on "The Sanatorium Question." Discussion opened by E. Ward, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S. Chair: Professor H. R. Kenwood, C.M.G., F.R.S.E. Guildhall, Exeter. 4.30 p.m.

January 29th.—The Matrons' Council Annual Meeting. By kind invitation of Miss Marsters, Superintendent Q.V.J.I., Paddington and Marylebone District Nursing Association, 117, Sutherland Avenue, Maida Vale. 3 p.m.

February 1st.—Examination, Central Midwives Board, London, Birmingham, Leeds and Liverpool. Oral Examination follows in a few days' time.

February 2nd.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly meeting, Ministry of Health, Whitehall. 10.30 a.m.

February 17th.—Her Majesty the Queen lays the Foundation Stone of Queen Mary's Home for St. Bartholomew's Nurses. St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C. 3 p.m.

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