

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRONS.

North Middlesex County Hospital, Edmonton, N.—Miss Louisa Foulton Dykes, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Stephen's Hospital, London, and served as Sister in the Territorial Force Nursing Service from 1918-1919. Miss Dykes has been Night Sister at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London; Sister at the West Herts General Hospital, Hemel Hempstead; Maternity Sister in Charge at the Paddington Hospital, London; Home Sister, Stoke and Wolstanton Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent; Assistant Matron at St. Luke's Hospital, Chelsea; and Matron at the Redhill Hospital, Edgware.

The Hospital, Bexhill-on-Sea.—Miss M. Dyke, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield, where she was later Sister in Charge, and has been Night Sister at the Broseley Hospital, Shropshire; Home Sister and Sister Tutor at the Royal Infirmary, Bradford; and Matron at the Holme Valley Memorial Hospital, Thongsbridge, near Huddersfield.

Borough Isolation Hospital, Dorchester.—Miss K. B. Langston, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the City Hospital, Birmingham, and at the Withington Hospitals, Manchester, and has been Ward and Night Sister at the Isolation Hospital, Wallasey, Cheshire, Nurse Matron at the Joint Isolation Hospital, Bishops Stortford, and Matron at the Victoria Hospital, Winchester.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Radcliffe Infirmary and County Hospital, Oxford.—Miss E. D. Waller, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, London, where she was later Night Sister, Ward Sister and Matron's Office Sister. Miss Waller has also been Staff Nurse at the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, and Home Sister and Assistant Matron at the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, London.

Dewsbury and District General Hospital, Dewsbury.—Miss D. W. Arber, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield, where she was later deputy Assistant Matron. Miss Arber is a Certified Midwife, and holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich.

Monsall Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Manchester.—Miss H. E. Collins, S.R.N., has been appointed Second Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, and at Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton, and has been Surgical Ward Sister at the Downs Hospital, Sutton, Surrey; Theatre Sister at St. Luke's Hospital, Lowestoft; Sister in a Smallpox Hospital attached to M.A.B.; and Pupil Housekeeper at the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary, Stoke-on-Trent.

Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, Midland Nerve Hospital.—Miss J. W. McEwan, A.R.R.C., S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, where she was later Sister, and has been Sister at the Moseley Hall Convalescent Hospital for Children, Birmingham, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., has been on the Staff of the Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A., is a member of C.S.M.M.G., and is a Certified Midwife.

Infectious Diseases Hospital, Darlington.—Miss D. M. Grange, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Greenwich and Deptford Hospital, London, and has been Staff Nurse at the Hackney Hospital, Ward Sister and Home Sister at the Central Middlesex County Hospital, Night Sister at the Birkenhead Infirmary, and Temporary Sister at the Alder Hey Hospital, Liverpool.

WARD SISTER.

Manor Hospital, Walsall.—Miss C. A. Williams, S.R.N., has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at the Manor Hospital, Walsall, which is in affiliation with the Lambeth Hospital, London, where she was later Ward Sister.

TERRITORIAL ARMY NURSING SERVICE.

The Matron-in-Chief, Territorial Army Nursing Service, requests that all members of the Service, who have not already done so, will now send their enrolment parchments to their Principal Matrons, in accordance with paragraph 4 of the Instructions on the parchment.

MISS HASWELL'S ADDRESS ON REGISTRATION DAY.

AGNES ELIZABETH JONES.

Agnes Elizabeth Jones, born in Cambridge of Irish parentage in spite of her Welsh-sounding name, is a most interesting character study, showing the power of simple faith and courage. Page, in his *Golden Lives*, published, 1873, said: "She combined in a remarkable way shyness and firmness. Weak in some points to excess in her shy shrinking womanliness and made stronger than any but a very few men are by reason of an inner life of exceptional force and reach."

As a baby Agnes was very fragile and her parents had little hope of her growing up. At the age of two years she was sent to her grandparents in Ireland and spent several months growing healthy and strong in the pure country air. In 1837 the family sailed with Colonel Jones's Regiment for the Mauritius. Here she spent six happy years absorbing the Southern loveliness, the memory of which stayed with her all her life. Here also began the moulding of her character for the steadfastness of self-consecration which in later life distinguished her.

From this time dated her intense longing to be one day a Missionary. The wish to work among the heathen abroad was never granted, but her whole life was Missionary work. In 1843 Colonel Jones's health necessitated the return of the family to England, and in 1848 Agnes and her sister went to Miss Ainsworth's school at Stratford-on-Avon, where, in the pleasant cheerful atmosphere of school life, Agnes, who, under the rule of rather stern, austere governesses had been considered a dull, almost stupid scholar, blossomed into a real student. After little more than two years at school she had to return home on the death of her father.

From this time Agnes's character developed rapidly, particularly in its unselfish devotion to others. The family now moved from Fahan to Dublin. In 1852, while on holiday in Connemara, we read of her visiting schools and having Bible Readings wherever possible. Early in 1853—that is, when Agnes was barely 21—she, with her mother and sister, spent some months on the Continent, and in Paris went to a meeting of the *Ceuvre de Diaconesses* where were two of the Sisters from the parent Institution at Kaiserswerth.

In June they visited Kaiserswerth, the Deaconesses' Institution founded by a Protestant Pastor, Fliehdner, who lit his torch from the flame of Elizabeth Fry and returned to Germany to found an Institution which grew until it was a home for discharged prisoners, a hospital for the sick administered by trained nurses, an asylum for the insane and a shelter for orphans.

This visit made a great impression on her. She wrote in her diary, "This visit was my talent given me by God, may I never hide it." It was, however, seven years before she was able to return. In 1860 she went to Kaiserswerth for what she thought would be a four or six weeks' visit, hoping there to learn much that would make her more useful in her District Visiting in her beloved Ireland. She, however, never did return to Ireland except for brief visits.

It was at Kaiserswerth that her determination to adopt nursing as a profession took shape. At this time she also received her first invitation from Mr. W. Rathbone to fit herself to take the post of Superintendent of Nurses at Brownlow Hill Workhouse Infirmary. This she refused because he was a Unitarian and she feared that if the rest of the Vestry were like minded she would not be free to teach the Gospel of Christ.

On leaving Kaiserswerth her Mother still would not consent to Agnes going to hospital for training but sanctioned

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