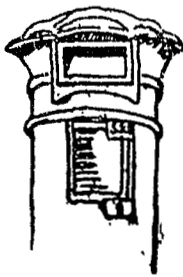


Appointments.

Miss EDITH MAWE has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Royal West of England Sanatorium, Weston-super-Mare, which contains 100 beds, and is a beautifully appointed place. Miss Mawe was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and has had a wide experience in Nursing abroad—having been Sister at the Civil Hospital, Gibraltar, Matron of the Dunedin Hospital, New Zealand, and for the last two years she has held the position of Sister at the Kasr-el-Aini Egyptian Government Hospital at Cairo—from which Hospital she holds testimonials for duty performed in a most efficient manner.

Miss Jessie G. Powell, who was trained at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the National Hospital for Consumption for Ireland, County Wicklow.

Miss Eames has been appointed Sister Louise at the Hospital for Sick Children, Gt. Ormond Street, at which Institution she has of late held the position of Night Sister. Miss Eames was trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and for some time acted as the Sister of John ward.



Letters to the Editor.

Notes, Queries, &c.

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

TRAINING IN CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—With reference to the letter in last week's RECORD of "Training in Children's Hospitals," I do not consider that such training *only* is complete. It is without doubt a most excellent foundation for all Nursing purposes, and no Nurse, I feel sure, need ever regret her two or three years' work in a good Children's Hospital. She has opportunities of learning much that she will not learn in adult wards—children's diseases and ailments are marvellous and manifold. Again, the Nurse's powers of observation, memory, and general attention to details are cultivated in such a way that all this becomes a decided advantage to her. By this particular training, habits are formed which go largely towards the making of a good Nurse.

I would, however, always advise some adult experience to follow that of children's training. This arrangement is a distinct advantage to Nurses themselves. It widens their ideas, increases their

knowledge, and fits them, in a greater measure, to hold positions of authority and responsibility.

The Sister of a children's ward ought to be a thoroughly trained good Nurse. Such a position is a most responsible one—how responsible only those of us who have had considerable experience in children's work can perhaps fully realise.

Surely any good, conscientious and capable Nurse would be gladly welcomed back as a Sister to the Children's Hospital in which she was originally trained. The Nurse in question would have the satisfaction of having extended more fully her Nursing education, and thus have made herself more independent for whatever future career she might wish to follow.

It is well for those intending to *commence* with children's training to do so in good time—say from twenty-one to twenty-three years of age. This then gives time for the further adult training before a Sister's post is naturally desired.

One year's adult work in addition to two or three spent in a Children's Hospital ought to suffice for a generally capable Nurse.

This, however, can only be arranged according to individual circumstances—those who can afford to pay for the one year, and those who must enter for the three years of training owing to inability to meet the former expense.

In cases where time is precious, and necessity demands a Nurse to earn a salary without delay, then it is always better for her to commence with adult work, so as to complete her training as quickly as possible.

I am, yours faithfully,
HANNAH M. TURNER,
Lady Superintendent.

Hospital for Sick Children,
Pendlebury, Manchester.
March 10th, 1896.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—I was glad to read in the NURSING RECORD of last week the letter by Sister Louise in reference to the value of children's training, and shall look forward with interest to the opinions of others on this subject.

In answer to the question, "Can a Nurse, who has been trained only in the wards of a Children's Hospital, be considered a thoroughly trained Nurse?" I should answer emphatically, "No," and she ought not, therefore, to be eligible for promotion as Sister after her children's training only.

For a post of such responsibility, involving as it does the training of Probationers, a Nurse's training should have been considerably wider than the sphere in which she has to teach. What can quicken the increase of experience so well as the usual three years' course in a General Hospital?

I do not think a Nurse ought to be expected to make an efficient Sister till she has had at least five years' experience. It is true she may gain this by remaining as Staff Nurse in the Children's Hospital where she has been trained; but surely, as a Sister, she should stand before her Probationers as a fully qualified Nurse, who has been able to watch the symptoms of disease as they occur at all ages. From a purely Nursing point of view, I do not think it is essential that three years out of five need be spent in an adult Hospital, but as a teacher she will surely find it of immense value to have worked a second

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