

Appointments.

MISS ELLEN D. HARRIS has been appointed Lady Superintendent of Lady Roberts' Private Hospital for Officers at Murree. Miss Harris was trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital from 1885 to 1888, when she was selected as one of the first Sisters for service in the Indian Army Nursing Service—in which department she has worked with distinction until gaining her present appointment.

Miss Eleanor Waters has been appointed Matron of the Royal Bath Hospital and Rawson Convalescent Home, Harrogate. She was trained at St. Mary's from March, 1885, to March, 1887, and has since held the appointments of Sister at the Naval Hospital, Haslar, Sister at the Royal Sea Bathing Infirmary, Margate, and Matron at the Convalescent Branch of St. Luke's Hospital, Old Street, E.C., situated at Nether Court, Ramsgate, which she leaves to take up her new work,

Miss Edith Manley Gardner, who completed three years' training at St. Mary's Hospital in January last, has been appointed Nurse in Charge of the Belize Hospital, British Honduras, and sails in about a month. The post is virtually that of Matron, as she is in complete charge.

Staffordshire Institution for Nurses.

THE Committee of the Staffordshire Institution for Nurses, in presenting their Twenty-fourth Annual Report to the public, have pleasure in stating that the year 1895 has been one of continued prosperity and progress.

The Staff is as under:

Private Nurses	82
District Nurses	21
Probationers	17
Total	120

The number of cases has been 766, and many had to be refused, owing to inability to supply a Nurse when the application was made.

The record of cases is as follows:

Cases at full terms	733
Cases at reduced fees	18
Gratuitous cases	15
Total	766

representing in all 3,224 weeks of Nursing. The earnings have reached the sum of £4,676 2s. 4d.

There were 18 at reduced fees, which extended over 17 weeks, which represents a drawback upon the full earnings of £23 3s. 6d., whilst those

nursed gratuitously extend over 15 weeks, and represent a total of fees of £48 3s. District Nursing was helped to the amount of £103.

During the year 12 Nurses left the Staff—seven to be married, four to take up work on their own account. One only was dismissed.

The health of the Nurses, with few exceptions, has been fairly good.

A sum of £234 15s. was divided between the Nurses in February last in bonuses. As nearly all the Nurses share in this fund, according to their time of service in the Institution, it is most desirable that they should, as far as possible, provide for old age and sickness.

The Committee cannot help recognising that the high position the Institution holds is due in a great measure to the good Staff of Nurses, who try loyally to fulfil the very responsible work committed to them.

As it is sometimes deemed hard that friends of a Staffordshire patient have to go elsewhere for a Nurse, whilst some of the staff of the Institution are at a distance, it is interesting to find that on the day of the Annual Meeting 68 Nurses were employed in Staffordshire, only 35 being out of the county.

It is impossible for the Committee to add anything to what they have repeatedly said in token of the value they set upon Miss Shirley's services as Lady Superintendent. Each year increases the obligation they lie under to her. She is the guiding, animating spirit of the Institution. And if the Nurses continue to bear the excellent character they do, they would be the first to acknowledge how much they owe to the firm but loving rule, and constant encouragement of their Matron.

We congratulate the Committee and the Matron upon the excellent work accomplished during the past year.

The Nursing Exhibition.

It has been decided to hold a three days' Conference on Nursing in connection with the forthcoming Exhibition. These Conferences will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of June, the forenoon Session being from 11 to 1.30, the afternoon Session from 3 to 5.30. Papers have been promised by several leaders of Nursing thought and reform, and no doubt will prove eminently instructive. We hope to be able to give the complete programme next week.

We hope that those Matrons and Nurses who are interested in Nursing organisation will make every effort to be present and give the Conference and Exhibition the advantage of their support and opinions.

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