

Hospital, Birmingham, Assistant Matron at the Western Fever Hospital, and Matron of the Cuddington Isolation Hospital. Miss Atkins is a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and a Registered Nurse.

Miss E. G. BOYER has been appointed Nurse-Matron of the Enfield Cottage Hospital, out of 100 applicants for the post. Miss Boyer holds the three years' certificate of the General Hospital, Cardiff, and after gaining this worked at the Eastern Fever Hospital, Homerton, the Kensington Infirmary, and the Chelsea Hospital for Women, Fulham Road, S.W. Miss Boyer is a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and a Registered Nurse.

ASSISTANT LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss LILLA DAWSON, who received her training at University College Hospital, and has since acted as Matron of the Bromwich Hospital, near Birmingham, has been appointed Matron of the Cork Street Fever Hospital and House of Recovery, Dublin.

ASSISTANT MATRON AND NURSE.

Miss E. GREEN has been appointed Assistant Matron and Nurse of the Winchcombe Union Workhouse. Miss Green was trained at the Hackney Union Infirmary, Homerton, N.E.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss AGNES GREEN, who received her training at the Children's Hospital, Edinburgh, and at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, has been appointed Night Superintendent of the Belfast Royal Hospital.

SISTER.

Miss EDITH HANLOCK has been appointed Sister at the Ear and Throat Hospital, Birmingham. Miss Hanlock received her training at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, and has recently done private nursing.

HEAD NURSE.

Miss SARAH HORSLEY has been appointed Head Nurse of the Devonshire Hospital, Buxton. Miss Horsley was trained at the Oldham Infirmary, and has acted as staff nurse both at the Hartlepool and Peterborough Hospitals.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Miss MAGGIE EVANS has been appointed Superintendent Nurse of the Tonbridge Workhouse Infirmary. Miss Evans was trained at the Central London Sick Asylum, and has for the last four years held the position of charge nurse at the New End Infirmary, Hampstead. Miss Evans is a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and a Registered Nurse.

The Aims, Methods, and Spirit of the Associated Alumnae of Trained Nurses of the United States and Canada.*

BY MRS. HAMPTON ROBB, *President.*

ON one other occasion it has been my privilege to make the opening address at a gathering of trained nurses, and in the fact that in that first meeting was laid the foundation stone for this present organization lies the exceedingly great pleasure I now take in announcing the opening of the first Annual Meeting of the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States and Canada. The occasions have a certain similarity, in that the former had the distinction of being the first occasion in the history of trained nursing in America on which nurses had met together to discuss affairs dealing with the various interests of their profession, while this second meeting heralds the beginning of organized work among nurses. But, from another point of view, the two meetings show a marked dissimilarity. The first presented an unorganized body of women with indefinite views and an uncertain future. To the present one we come as an organized, representative body with definite objects, and ready to deal with some of the problems which, with the growth of the profession, have presented themselves for solution. Among the papers read and discussed at the Congress of Nurses in 1893, were two that had a direct bearing upon this present Association. One by Miss Edith Draper, was on "The Benefits of Alumnae Associations," the other by Miss McIsaac, on "The Necessity of an American Nurses Association." These two papers ably outlined the necessity for development in nursing work along the lines of organization. Under the stimulus of these papers as well as that which was naturally evoked by the meeting together in a common interest, the hitherto unexpressed thought or feeling on the part of different superintendents that more co-operation and community of ideas in the general work would be helpful and a necessity, found vent, with the result, that the American Society of Superintendents of Nurses was organized. This was the most vital and only really important result of that first meeting. The avowed objects of the Superintendents' Society are "to further the best interests of the nursing profession by establishing a universal standard of training, and by promoting fellowship among its members by meetings, papers and discussions, and by interchange of opinions." From the beginning it was very clear to the society that the broader outlook for nurses must first come through

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