

Appointments.**LADY SUPERINTENDENT.**

MISS ANNIE THOMPSON-HILL has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Bristol Nurses' Institution and Nursing Home. Miss Thompson received her training at Pendlebury Children's Hospital, and at King's College Hospital, London, and for some years past has acted as assistant at the London Hospital.

MISS FLORENCE A. SHEDDEN has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Barnsley Workhouse Infirmary. Miss Shedden was trained at the Guest Hospital, Dudley, and at the Workhouse Infirmary, Birmingham, and subsequently held the position of Charge Nurse at South Fulham Fever Hospital, Paisley Abbey Hospital, and Craighaith Hospital, Edinburgh.

MATRON.

MISS LINDA DITCHAM has been appointed Matron of the Carmarthenshire Infirmary. Miss Ditcham received her training at Guy's Hospital, and subsequently was appointed Charge Nurse, and afterwards Matron at the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle.

MISS A. M. C. BEWKITT has been appointed Matron of the District Hospital, Newbury, Berks. Miss Bewkitt received her training at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

MRS. E. M. E. CARLISLE HEYS has been appointed Matron of the Grays Isolation Hospital. Mrs. Carlisle Heys was trained at Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool, and has held the posts of Charge Nurse under the Metropolitan Asylums Board at Gore Farm Hospital and at the Hospital Ships, and for the last year has been Night Superintendent at the Northern Hospital, Winchmore Hill, a post which she at present holds.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

MISS E. BATH has been appointed Assistant Matron at the Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter. Miss Bath was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, and for over five years has held the position of Ward Sister at the Devon and Exeter Hospital.

SISTER.

MISS KATHERINE E. STOLLARD has been appointed Sister at the Government Hospital, Hong Kong. Miss Stollard was trained for three years and certificated at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, from 1892-96, and after obtaining the Diploma of the London Obstetrical Society, became a member of the Registered Nurses Society, which position she now resigns. Miss Stollard was one of the Sisters selected for active service in Greece during the late war.

The Nurses' Co-operation.**A RETROGRADE STEP.**

WE are glad to learn from the Eighth Annual Report of The Nurses' Co-operation that the Society continues to make progress—as shown in the Balance Sheet, no less than £38,149 16s. 11d. having been received in fees, of which £35,291 11s. 8d. has been paid over to the members of the nursing staff. The expenses of management, including the salaries of the officials, amount to £1,576 4s. 6d., and the excess of income over expenditure, which has been transferred to Capital Account, amounts to £1,383 7s. 10d. Altogether a balance sheet of which the Committee may be justly proud.

FROM the Report we are glad to see that the Committee consider that a hearty vote of thanks is due to the late Lady Superintendent, Miss Philippa Hicks, for the personal trouble and interest she has taken in representing to Lady Howard de Walden the need of a Home and Club for those nurses whose homes are at a distance from the office, the result of which representation has been that Lady Howard de Walden has secured a convenient and adequate site for the Home, and has also undertaken most generously to pay a very large proportion of the cost of erecting a suitable and handsome building.

WE deeply regret to find, from the printed rules, and we believe the majority of those Matrons and nurses who are striving for a higher standard of training, and consequently more efficient nursing of the sick, will agree with us, that the Committee of the Nurses Co-operation have taken a terribly retrograde step in relation to nurses for the insane during the past year.

IT has been very regrettable from the inception of the Society, that two years' training in the wards of a General Hospital connected with a recognised training school, has been accepted for candidates admitted to the General Staff instead of three—but in practice this standard has not been adhered to, owing to the fact that all the leading London and provincial nurse training schools (excepting the London Hospital), have, during the past decade, accepted the three years standard of training before certification for their nurses, and thus nurses usually apply to be admitted on to the Staff of the Co-operation when in possession of a three years' certificate.

IN the Report for 1897, we observed last year with much pleasure that "(b) Nurses taking mental cases only, must have had one year's training in a General Hospital connected with a

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