

ordinary cooking destroy the germs in the centre of the joint. To secure the public from such infected meat, which cannot be identified when dressed, all private slaughter-houses should be abolished, and the meat inspected by skilled inspectors, examined and passed or rejected in the public abattoir. Slaughter-houses are, besides, a nuisance, and a demoralising agent to the children in their neighbourhood.

(To be continued.)

### Appointments.

#### MATRÓN.

MISS K. M. MACKENZIE has been appointed Matron of the Huddersfield Infirmary. She was trained and certificated at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, and has held the positions of Sister and Assistant Matron at the Jenny Lind Infirmary, Norwich, Night Superintendent at the Bradford Royal Infirmary, and Matron of the Bradford Incorporated Nurses' Institution. This last position she now holds. Miss Mackenzie holds excellent testimonials, and her resignation of her present post will cause general regret. She was elected Matron of the Huddersfield Infirmary out of 53 candidates.

MISS MINNIE FIELDING has been appointed Matron of St. William's Hospital, Rochester. Miss Fielding received her training at Monsall Hospital, Manchester, and has held the positions of Charge Nurse at the Fever Hospital, South Tottenham, and the Fever Hospital, Bedford, and Night Superintendent, and subsequently Assistant Matron at the City Hospital, Birmingham.

#### LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

MISS ETHEL C. TAWNEY has been appointed Superintendent of Nursing at the Foundling Hospital Infirmary. Miss Tawney was trained at the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street, and remained on the staff of that institution after receiving her certificate. For the last year she has held the position of Staff-Nurse at St. Luke's Home for the Dying, Osnaburgh Street.

#### NIGHT SISTER.

MISS C. M. CRAWFORD, who was trained for three years at the Leeds Royal Infirmary, and for two years has held the position of Theatre Sister, and Sister of Female Surgical Wards at the Hospital, Grimsby, has been appointed Night Sister at the Infirmary and Dispensary, Bolton.

#### SISTER.

MISS MARIE JONES has been appointed Sister of the male accident wards at the North Riding Infirmary, Middlesborough. Miss Jones received her training at the Rochdale Infirmary.

### A Word of Warning.

WE learn, upon good authority, that Sir Henry Burdett's Victoria Commemoration Club for Nurses is to be closed at the end of the month. We presume, therefore, that it has not been the financial success that its promoter anticipated. Had the Club possessed the elements of success, it would, no doubt, have been a happy thought on the part of the proprietor of the "Hospital" premises to sub-let the superfluous rooms at his disposal for a Nurses' Club. But, from the inauguration of the Club, we have ventured, in spite of the big boom with which it was launched, to prognosticate that it would not be a success. When it was started, and we were invited to support it, we adopted our usual course of enquiring into the government and regulations of the institution before advising nurses to join it, and we then said that so long as Rule No. 4 stood, by which the Secretary, Miss Helen Foggo-Thomson, could dismiss, at her pleasure, any member of the Club without assigning a reason, just so long would self-respecting nurses decline to join it. Another element of failure was undoubtedly the attitude adopted by Miss Thomson in the affairs of the Royal British Nurses' Association. Throughout the troublous times of recent years Miss Thomson has, as a "loyal" supporter of the Hon. Officers, uniformly upheld the disastrous policy which has brought the Association into such disrepute, and by which, we do not hesitate to say, the true interests of the nursing profession have been betrayed. Her conduct at R.B.N.A. meetings and the malicious public attacks which she was unable to substantiate, upon members who were actuated by a sense of professional responsibility, no doubt impressed unprejudiced persons with the feeling that it would be unwise to place themselves in the hands of one who had proved herself so lacking in self-control, and so the popularity of the Club of which she was the Secretary was still further injured. Lastly, it is manifestly no use for a member of the outside public to bolster up a Club for Nurses. When they require one they will inaugurate it, and manage it for themselves; but until this time arrives, private enterprise is, we believe, doomed to failure. We can only advise Sir Henry Burdett, as we have advised him before, to leave the nurses alone, and to refrain from giving his patronage where it is neither wanted nor appreciated. Exploiting nurses will not be found, we imagine, in future, a stepping-stone to titles. It is, moreover, a curiously suggestive omen that the first "Commemoration" scheme of Sir Henry Burdett's should so speedily have collapsed.

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