

Appointments.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

MRS. ELLEN PRICE has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Brompton. Mrs. Price was trained for a year as Lady Pupil at Guy's Hospital, and has held the position of Sister in that institution. In 1896 Mrs. Price was appointed Matron of the Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool, which position she at present holds.

MISS JANE WATSON has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Victoria Hospital, Chelsea. Miss Watson was trained for three years at the General Infirmary, Leeds, where she subsequently held the position of Home Sister for three years. She was Infirmary Matron at the Portsmouth Hospital for two months, and Matron of the Victoria Hospital for Children, Hull, for one year.

MISS MARY GARDNER has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Birmingham and Midland Sanatorium. Miss Gardner was trained at the Crumpsall Infirmary. Her subsequent appointments have been: Nurse at the Mildmay Hospital, and at the General Hospital, Birmingham; Night Sister at the Cardiff Infirmary; Matron at the Sanatorium for Women, Llandudno; Deputy Matron at the Isolation Hospital, Nottingham; and Matron of the City Isolation Hospital, Norwich. Miss Gardner is a member of the Matrons' Council.

MATRON.

MISS ANNIE ELLIS has been appointed Matron of the Bristol Jubilee Convalescent Home. She received her training at the Royal Portsmouth Hospital, and afterwards held the position of Ward Sister in that institution. After some experience of private nursing in connection with the Kent Nursing Institution, Miss Ellis was appointed Ward Sister at the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, and afterwards held the position of Charge Nurse at the South Eastern Hospital, London. She at present holds the position of Night Superintendent at the Bristol General Hospital.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

MISS HELEN LUCY PEARSE has been appointed Assistant Matron at the Lambeth Infirmary. Miss Pearse received her training at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and upon obtaining her certificate in November, 1897, was appointed a Staff Nurse in that institution, a position which she still holds.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

MISS EVELYN M. DANE has been appointed Night Superintendent at the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire General Hospital. Miss Dane was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Fountain Fever Hospital.

A Central Hospital Board.

ON Monday last Lord Methuen presided at a special meeting of the Charity Organization Society, to consider the annual report of the General Committee for the Promotion of a Central Hospital Board for London, at the United Service Institution. The report stated that the General Committee had thought it well to maintain a policy of postponement and observation during the past year, and had waited to see how the Prince of Wales' Fund and the Central Hospital Council for London would develop.

There were four chief points in the proposals of the committee:—(1) That the Central Hospital Board should be representative of the medical charities and of the several interests involved; (2) that there should be a visitation or inspection of the hospitals on behalf of the Board; (3) that grants should be made for special purposes—*e.g.*, the rebuilding of part of a hospital, its extension, etc.; (4) that the Board should have a fund at its disposal consisting of bequests, legacies, and foundation grants to be made to hospitals. The plan had in some of its main features been adopted. The Prince of Wales' Fund was not managed by representatives of the hospitals, but the Central Hospital Council had been established on that basis, and consisted of representatives of the general hospitals with schools, and it had been of service to the Prince of Wales' Fund as an advisory body. A system of visitation or inspection had been set on foot, and this was a definite gain to the cause of the organization of medical charities. Had the Prince of Wales' Fund been managed by representatives, the position of its visitors would, it was believed, have been greatly strengthened. The Prince of Wales' Fund was different from the proposed fund of the Central Hospital Board in one important particular. The fund of the proposed Board was to be maintained by legacies, bequests, and foundation grants only; but the Prince of Wales' Fund received contributions from whatever source they could be procured. Accordingly it was to be feared that it would before long prove itself a competitor with the other funds and the hospitals. Already there was a diminution in the receipts of the Hospital Sunday Fund. The General Committee hoped that a union of the three central hospital funds would be formed, and that, acting in conjunction with them, the Central Hospital Council, which perhaps on its own initiative might enlarge its borders on representative lines, might become the Central Hospital Board which had been outlined in the draft scheme of 1897.

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