

Appointments.

MATRON.

MISS MARY EASTON has been appointed Matron of the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading. Miss Easton received her training in the Nightingale School of St. Thomas' Hospital, and afterwards held the position of Sister in the same institution, and for the last two years has been Matron of the Hospital for Women and Children, Waterloo Bridge Road.

MRS. A. LOCKITT has been appointed Matron of the Fever Hospital, Wimbledon. Mrs. Lockitt was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital and subsequently held the positions of Night Superintendent at Gore Farm Hospital, and Assistant Matron at the Brook Fever Hospital under the Metropolitan Asylums Board, so that she has had much special experience qualifying her for her present position.

MISS ELIZABETH JACKSON has been appointed Matron of the Government Hospital, Bahamas. Miss Jackson was trained at the New Infirmary, Birmingham, and has, since obtaining her certificate, had experience in fever nursing. She also holds the L.O.S. certificate.

MISS M. E. BLACKETT has been appointed Matron of the Hospital, Gwelo, Rhodesia. Miss Blackett was trained at the London Hospital, and afterwards held the position of Sister at the Poplar Hospital for Accidents.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

MISS EMILY LOWE has been appointed Superintendent of Night Nurses at the Eastern Fever Hospital under the Metropolitan Asylums Board. Miss Lowe received her training at the London Hospital, and until recently held the post of Staff Nurse in that institution.

HOUSEKEEPER.

MISS E. WATKINSON has been appointed Housekeeper at the Gloucester Infirmary. Miss Watkinson was trained at the Leeds General Infirmary and has held the positions of Surgical Sister at the Bristol Children's Hospital, Sister of the enteric ward at the Hull Sanatorium, Night Sister at the Brook Fever Hospital, Shooter's Hill, and Sister and Assistant Matron at the National Orthopædic Hospital, Great Portland Street.

CHARGE NURSE.

MISS EMILY E. BRADSHAW has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro. Miss Bradshaw received her training at the Crumpsall Workhouse Infirmary, and at St. George's Hospital, London. She has also held

the position of district nurse at Barry, Cardiff, and was one of the nurses selected for plague duty in India.

MISS FRANCES LENG has also been appointed Charge Nurse at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary. She received her training at the Royal South Hants. Infirmary, and has held the position of Head Nurse at the Royal Hospital, Richmond.

MISS LOUISA WISKIN has been appointed Charge Nurse of the Infirmary of the Training Ship "Shaftesbury." Miss Wiskin was trained, and remained on the staff of Guy's Hospital for seven years. She was then appointed Superintendent of the Cottage Hospital, Herne Bay, and has recently been engaged in private nursing.

Nursing Politics.

WITH the obliteration of all professional principles in the Royal British Nurses' Association, the annual custom of a Birthday Party has been discarded, and the usual December *Converzaione* will be held this year on February the 13th at the Institute of Painters in Water Colours. From the proceedings at the last Council Meeting we gather that for the future the Association will be conducted on strictly charity lines, and that the Nurse Members will no longer be permitted to use their Corporation for professional organization or progress. This policy has been quite apparently the aim of the Hon. Officers and medical members, in excluding the Founders from participation in its Councils and nominating on to the Executive Committee and Council women in dependent positions, Matrons of Home Hospitals and Private Nursing Institutions, who would on economic grounds be compelled to support the persons from whom they largely derived their livelihood.

MRS. FENWICK MILLER, the able Editor of the *Woman's Signal*, called attention a few weeks ago to the fact, that a very real danger exists in that privileges, won by bodies of women workers for themselves, were being filched from them under economic pressure. The case of the Nurse Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, is proof positive of her assertion, and we hope she will touch on this matter again. It is of vital importance to all women who have to support themselves, and who do not wish to sink and be submerged amongst the charity-supported classes, whose ultimate stratum is pauperization.

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