

## Appointments.

ARMY Nursing organization is going forward in New South Wales, and an Army Nursing Reserve has been formed, Miss Ellen Julia Gould, late Matron of the Sydney Hospital, having been appointed Lady Superintendent of Nurses, and Miss Julia B. Johnstone, Superintendent. The public appear, at last, to be conscious of their duty towards the brave men who protect our Empire. It is to be hoped that they will bring pressure on the Home Government to make the necessary reforms in our army and naval nursing services, which were suggested at the Women's Congress.

### MATRON.

MISS M. A. SELLER has been appointed Matron of the Lytham Cottage Hospital. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Oldham, and has also held appointments at the Royal Eye Hospital, Manchester, and the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich.

### SISTER.

MISS ADA PRATT has been appointed Sister to the Children's Ward at the General Infirmary, Worcester. She was trained at the Victoria Hospital for Children, London, and at the County Hospital, York, and has for some time been engaged in private nursing.

MISS MAUD GOLDSMITH has been appointed Sister at the Monsall Fever Hospital, Manchester. She received her training and further experience at St. Thomas' Hospital, London.

### CHARGE NURSE.

MISS OCTAVIA E. ROSE has been appointed Charge Nurse at Her Majesty's Hospital, Stepney. She was trained at the East Lancashire Infirmary, Blackburn, and has held the posts of Sister at that Institution, and Charge Nurse at Ilford Isolation Hospital.

### HOUSEKEEPER.

MISS S. E. FARMER has been appointed Housekeeper at the Northern Hospital, Winchmore Hill. Miss Farmer received her training at the General Hospital, Birmingham, and for the last three years has held the position of Sister of the male accident ward, a post which she vacates to take up her new duties.

### NURSE.

MISS HELENA BUTLER, whose appointment as Night Superintendent at the Northern Hospital, Winchmore Hill, we chronicled in a recent issue, has withdrawn from this appointment and is joining the British Nursing Institute, Pernambuco, Brazil. Miss Butler was trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

## Self Help.

WE promised, last week, to express an opinion on a letter received from a nurse who considered herself and her colleagues aggrieved by the Matron of the institution at which they were trained, owing to the fact that the Matron did not fulfil her promise to help them, by her recommendation, to rise in their profession. Our correspondent complains that "instead of getting her kind help when she is referred to, she does her best to blast our nursing careers."

Now, this is a very serious accusation, and one which, in its entirety, cannot, we hope, be brought against many Matrons. Yet, we do know of instances of injustice, upon the part of Matrons, towards those nurses who have offended them, and we fear that when an unjust and intolerant woman wields power, her subordinates must suffer.

BUT apart from such instances, we think nurses also have a grievance in that Matrons who have the trouble and anxiety of training them, very naturally are somewhat unwilling to lose their valuable services, and do not always do all in their power to further the professional interests of their best nurses.

OF course, "the pick" obtain promotion in the hospitals in which they are trained, but there comes a time when these valuable Sisters wish to move on, and when they naturally look to their Matrons to push their interests. In this they are often doomed to disappointment, and also, we venture to think, the school loses influence in the nursing world by this lack of enterprise upon the part of a Matron, and practical progress is often prevented in an institution by stationary Sisters.

BUT, apart from "the pick," there are numbers of excellent nurses who work hard and devotedly during a long training, and for whom promotion in their own schools is impossible. Many of these nurses are eminently fitted for a rise in other branches of nursing, and it is these less brilliant nurses who are often over-looked and expected, year after year, to work on the ward or private staff of their training school without any ultimate hope of promotion.

SHOULD these nurses sever their connection with their training school, they often find themselves quite adrift, and unless the Matron chooses to help them, they find it very difficult to obtain suitable positions. Surely all graduates of a

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