

Appointments.**LADY SUPERINTENDENT.**

MISS M. F. GORDON has been unanimously appointed Lady Superintendent of the Arbroath Infirmary. Miss Gordon has been trained for three years in the Nursing School of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, and, during the latter part of her training, took holiday duty as Head Nurse. Her certificate records the fact that she proved an excellent nurse, thoroughly capable, reliable, kindly, and thoughtful, and that she was orderly, methodical, and efficient in her ward management.

MATRONS.

MISS GERTRUDE WARD has been appointed Matron of the British Hospital for Sailors, Algiers. Miss Ward was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, and subsequently worked in London as a Queen's Nurse. For the last four years she has worked on the staff of the Universities' Mission at Magila, East Africa, a position which, to the great regret of herself and her colleagues, she has been compelled to give up by medical orders. Miss Ward is well fitted for the position to which she has been appointed, as, in addition to her nursing qualifications, she is an accomplished linguist. She also possesses much literary talent, as is evidenced in the "Life of Bishop Smythies," published by the Universities' Mission to Central Africa, the greater part of which was written by her.

MISS WOOD, of the Royal Scottish Nursing Association, Edinburgh, has been appointed Matron of the Nairn Town and County Hospital.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

MISS A. THOMAS has been appointed Assistant Matron at the Grove Fever Hospital. Miss Thomas was trained at the Birmingham General Hospital, and has held the positions of Charge Nurse and Night Superintendent at the Brook Hospital, Shooter's Hill.

STAFF NURSE.

MISS GRACE HORSEMAN has been appointed Staff Nurse of the male wards at the Suffolk General Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds. Miss Horseman was trained for three years at the Clayton Hospital, Wakefield, and previously worked for two years at the Hospital for Paralysis and Epilepsy, Queen's Square, Bloomsbury. She holds a certificate for Massage and Electricity.

MISS LILIAN HEATHER has been appointed Staff Nurse in the female wards of the same hospital, in which she has just completed her three years' training.

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WE publish, this week, with the very greatest pleasure, the full text of the course arranged in connection with the Columbia University for graduate nurses, recommended by the American Society of Superintendents, who desire to qualify for positions as Superintendents. The importance of this new departure cannot be overestimated, and we offer our most warm congratulations to the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools that they have inaugurated this course. We hold this achievement to be the most progressive and important step made for many years in connection with nursing organization.

* * * THE most noteworthy feature in connection with the establishment of the course is that only such nurses as are recommended by the Superintendents' Society are eligible for admission to its advantages. This means that, for the future, Committees desiring to appoint a Superintendent of Nurses will not be obliged to wade through the testimonials of hundreds of unsuitable candidates who offer themselves for the post, but that the primary selection will be in the hands of those best qualified to judge—namely, the Superintendents of the Training Schools, with whom the responsibility will now rest of recommending candidates for the higher course of training. Further, the effect of the collegiate course will be to lead to the adoption of a uniform system of training in the nursing schools in future, and an increase of *esprit de corps* between Superintendents who will have the bond of college friendships and traditions. The standard of the future Superintendents will also be raised, because they will come to their work well equipped for it, and the elimination of the unsuitable and unfit will have taken place in the College, which, like our own Newnham and Girton, will "drop" those who are not in earnest.

* * * WE look forward with hopefulness to the establishment in this country of a similar course, which must, sooner or later, be inaugurated. The

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