

## Appointments.

### MATRON.

MRS. K. M. KEILLOR has been appointed Matron of the Lawn Hospital for the Insane, Lincoln. She was trained for three years at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, where she has since worked as Charge Nurse for the last 5½ years.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

MISS M. ISABELLA McRAE has been appointed Assistant Lady Superintendent at the Cork Street Fever Hospital, Dublin. She was trained at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, where she subsequently held the posts of Sister and Night Superintendent. Recently she has been Night Superintendent at the Grimsby and District Hospital.

### NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

MISS C. A. PADBURY has been appointed Night Superintendent at the North Staffordshire Infirmary. She received her training at the Infirmary, Leicester, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Fountain Fever Hospital, Tooting.

### CHARGE NURSE.

MISS CAROLINE TERRY has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Ham Green Fever Hospital, Bristol. She was trained at the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, and has held the positions of Charge Nurse at the Royal National Hospital for Consumption, Ventnor, and at the Park Fever Hospital, Hither Green.

MISS MARY MITCHELL has been appointed Charge Nurse at the North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple. She was trained for three years at the North Staffordshire Hospital, and for two years at Monsall Fever Hospital. She has held the position of Charge Nurse at the North Eastern Hospital and at the Accident Hospital, Hebburn-on-Tyne.

MISS JULIA B. COX has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Stapleton Workhouse Hospital, Bristol. She was trained for three years at Guy's Hospital.

MISS C. M. NICOL has been appointed Charge Nurse at the East Poorhouse, Dundee. She was trained at Leith Hospital, and has held the positions of Staff Nurse at Belvidere Hospital, Glasgow, and Charge Nurse at the Eastern Hospital, Homerton, the Northern Hospital, Winchmore Hill, and the Park Hospital, Hither Green.

### NOTICE.

WE have received a communication from Dr. Wigglesworth, of Liverpool. It arrived too late for insertion this week; we, therefore, propose to deal with it in our next issue.

## Nursing Echoes.

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SHOULD a nurse be required to read prayers in which she does not believe, as an act of conformity to discipline? We should answer the question distinctly in the negative, for to require anyone to address petitions to the Deity which are meaningless, or more than meaningless, objectionable to her, because it is regulation, savours of blasphemy to the Supreme Being. The question was recently brought up before the Camberwell Guardians on the resignation of a Roman Catholic nurse because "she could not conscientiously read the prayers." It was explained that the nurse withdrew voluntarily, and that no pressure whatsoever was put upon her. No question as to their religion was asked of probationers when they were appointed. It was a debatable question whether prayers should be read at all, but it was the decision of the Board that this should be done, and while the rule remained in force, no distinction could be drawn between one nurse and another.

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THE point of view of the Board can be appreciated, but we think that the difficulty might be solved by enquiring of probationers on their appointment not what religion they profess, but whether they have any conscientious objection to carrying out the rule of the Board and reading prayers. This would meet the case, and the difficulty of dissentient nurses need not then occur, as it would be obviously undesirable to appoint a probationer who was not prepared to carry out the Board's regulations. Once having appointed her, however, we do not think prayers to which she objects should be put into her mouth.

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NURSES have taken to cycling with zest, and there are no more ardent devotees of the wheel than those whose work in life is at the bedside of the sick and suffering. A spin on a bike during the brief hours snatched from their daily work is specially exhilarating, and, no doubt, it is a most healthy hobby for off-duty times. Nevertheless, this recreation exacts its toll of accidents amongst members of the nursing profession, and within the last week two have been recorded.

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