

to this idea. We who believe that women know more about nursing than men, must take the responsibility of educating the Authorities on the subject, bearing ever in mind the dictum of Thomas Carlyle, that "the only rhetorical figure which is worth anything for purposes of persuasion is the great figure of repetition."

Appointments.

MATRON.

MISS LUCY AMCOATS has been appointed Matron of the Isolation Hospital, Reigate. She was trained at the Liverpool Royal Infirmary, since which time she has held the position of Matron at the Isolation Hospital Douglas, and of a similar institution in connection with the Croydon Rural District Council.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

MISS ELEANOR TAYLOR has been appointed Assistant Matron at the Whitechapel Infirmary. She was trained at the Infirmary, Shoreham, and has held the position of Night Superintendent at the East Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

MISS H. HANNATH has been appointed Night Superintendent at the General Hospital, Birmingham. She was trained at King's College Hospital, and has held the position of Sister-in-Charge of sick nurses, and lecturer on sick-room cookery at the London Hospital, Night Superintendent at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, and Superintendent Nurse at Eastville Union Hospital, Bristol.

MISS CONSTANCE MORGAN has been appointed Night Sister at the Royal Hospital for Children and Women, Bristol. She received her training at the Dulwich Infirmary, where she subsequently acted as Ward Sister, and has held the position of Head Nurse at the Children's Hospital, Sydenham, and Charge Nurse at the South-Western Hospital, Stockwell. She was also trained in midwifery at the East End Mothers' Home, Stepney, and holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society.

SISTER.

MISS ELLEN L. SHAW has been appointed Sister at the Wakefield Infirmary. She was trained at St. George's Infirmary, Fulham Road.

Return of the Hospitals Commission.

FOUR members of the Hospitals Commission—Lord Justice Romer, Sir David Richmond, Dr. Church and Professor Cunningham—returned on board the *Kinfauns Castle*, which arrived at Southampton on Saturday. Lady Romer and Lady Richmond accompanied their husbands.

The American Nursing World.

OUR readers will remember that our Special American correspondent informed us, in one of her letters, that this year a new departure had been taken at the Annual Meeting of the Superintendents of Training Schools, and that, instead of written papers being presented for discussion, questions on topical professional points were officially asked, and discussed, with the result that a great deal of very interesting information came before the meeting.

Some of these questions are of international importance, and we offer no apology for inserting the following expressions of opinion elicited from our American colleagues on the very interesting question of the Three Years' Course of Training for Nurses, courteously sent to us.

Wednesday Morning, May 2nd.

DISCUSSION ON THE THREE YEARS' COURSE.

Many questions were asked relating to the workings of the eight-hour system, and answered chiefly by Mrs. Gretter and Miss Nutting.

The subject of private duty was also discussed at length, several members holding that as an important branch of a nurse's work it should be included in the curriculum for its educational value. Others believed that as an educational factor it was only truly useful to the pupil when she was sent into homes of limited means, when all her various faculties would be most actively called into play. Others thought that all private duty training should be given under supervision in the hospital, with special or private patients.

MISS DOLLIVER said many criticisms reached her that nurses trained entirely in the hospital were tactless and unadaptable when they went into private families. She thought also that the training schools should take up the problem of families of small means, who, in time of illness, needed a nurse continuously. She believed that as a profession we have a responsibility toward such patients, and that it could best be met by sending them pupils in the latter part of their third year training, at moderate charge. She considered this would also be valuable to the pupil.

MISS SUTLIFFE thought three years was not too long a time in the hospital, and that most of the criticisms made against private nurses are directed against the individual herself. As to lack of adaptability she pointed out that by far the largest proportion of calls come for nurses who are fresh from hospitals, and that older private duty nurses who have acquired adaptability are not in so much demand.

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