

Appointments.

INSPECTOR OF NURSING.

Miss Amy Hughes has been appointed Inspector of County Nursing Associations under the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute. Miss Hughes was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, and was for some time Superintendent of the Central Home of the Metropolitan Nursing Association (Bloomsbury Square), which is in connection with the Q.V.J.I., and recently Lady Superintendent of the Nurses' Co-operation, New Cavendish Street, W.

MATRON.

Miss Annie Roote has been appointed Matron at the Montagu Cottage Hospital, Mexborough. She was trained at the Melbourne Hospital, and also holds the certificate of the London Hospital. She has held the positions of Sister-in-Charge of the Operating Theatre at the Westminster Hospital, and Matron of the Sanatorium of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, London, E.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT AND ASSISTANT MATRON.

Miss Katherine Lundie has been appointed Night Superintendent and Assistant Matron at the Chelsea Hospital for Women, Fulham Road. She was trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where she has on several occasions done temporary duty as Sister. Miss Lundie is a member of the League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses.

HOME SISTER.

Miss Katherine Reeve has been appointed Home Sister at the Children's Hospital, Paddington Green. She was trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and at the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, of which institution she also holds the certificate. Miss Reeve is at present Night Superintendent and Assistant Matron at the Chelsea Hospital for Women. She is a member of the League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses.

SISTER.

Miss Mary Thompson has been appointed Night Sister at St. Pancras Infirmary, N.W. She was trained at the East Dulwich Infirmary, and has held the positions of Sister at the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum, Nurse at the British Hospital, Algiers, and Sister at the St. Pancras Infirmary.

Miss C. Griffin has been appointed Sister at the Bolton Infirmary and Dispensary. She received her training at the Royal Infirmary, Derby, where she has also held the position of Sister.

Miss Maud Crichton has been appointed Night Superintendent at the Royal Infirmary, Hull. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, where she subsequently held the position of Sister.

The International Congress of Nurses.

SUMMARY OF THIRD SESSION.

NURSING EDUCATION.

Every American citizen is just aflame for education. We may take it that this burning desire to know is a national characteristic, that the American realises that knowledge is power—power means wealth, and consequently such independence as poor humanity may wrench from the claws of Fate! Hence, give us education is the cry of all and sundry, American born and immigrant alike, in the United States.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the one question in which every member of the International Congress was alertly interested was that touching upon professional education.

Where are we? What are we doing? Are we going along right lines? Are we making the best of the material to hand? Are the results of the present system satisfactory? Have we got any System? If not, why? And a dozen other questions were eagerly put forth—discussed and threshed out.

1. Where are we? At the parting of the ways—to the right—evolution, for ever evolution—definition—systematic curricula—order—law—as apart from the path of *laissez faire*, which leads to Nowhere.

And along this path of Evolution we must all go willy-nilly—or be left behind.

2. What are we doing? Here at the Congress most wisely listening to the voices of experience comparing methods—reverently, kindly, with gratitude and hope.

3. Are we going along right lines? Certainly, when we *go* along—but so many move onward unwillingly—after much prodding and goading. We have come so far, we argue, and here at the parting of the ways, surely a tired wayfarer may rest awhile and be thankful? Forgetting that *there is no rest in this world anywhere*.

4. Are we making the best of the material to hand? That we are not. We have tried to make bricks without straw and failed. Human health and strength, wits and wisdom, have been poured out like sand—dry, unprofitable yet golden grains, are just slithering through our fingers—all scattered to the four winds of Heaven—and all for the need of a little grip.

5. Are the results of the present system satisfactory? No. Who is content—doctors, nurses, patients? Neither.

6. Have we got any system? Shreds and patches only.

7. Why not? Well, that is what we all want to know.

We *do* know that neither Matrons nor

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