

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Miss Beatrice James has been appointed Matron of the Darlington Fever Hospital. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and has held nursing appointments in Manchester, Rotherham, and Birmingham. She has also been Matron of the Albert Edward Infirmary, Winstford.

Miss Alice T. Brierley has been appointed Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Fairford. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, London, and after some experience at the Greek Hospital, Alexandria, she was appointed Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Tetbury, and subsequently of the West Highland Cottage Hospital, Oban. Miss Brierley holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society.

Miss Winifred Jones has been appointed Nurse-Matron of the Cottage Hospital and Dispensary, Abergavenny. She was trained at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, Taunton, and has held the position of Staff Nurse at the Accident Hospital, Newmarket, Charge Nurse at the Park Fever Hospital, and Matron of the Sidmouth Cottage Hospital. Miss Jones holds the diploma of the Apothecaries' Hall, London, for dispensing.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Miss Mabel Holberton has been appointed Assistant-Matron at the Infirmary, Birmingham. She was trained at the General Hospital, Cheltenham, where she subsequently held the position of Sister in a male medical ward. She has also held the position of Superintendent Nurse at the Derbyshire Asylum, and of Ward Sister and Home Sister at the Birmingham Infirmary.

SISTERS.

Miss Katherine Frances Cooper has been appointed Theatre and Home Sister at the General Hospital, Wolverhampton. She was trained at the General Hospital, Northampton, where she held the position of Sister. She has also been Sister at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road.

Miss M. G. Tottenham has been appointed Ward Sister at the National Hospital, Queen's Square, Bloomsbury. She was trained at the Royal Hunts County Hospital, Winchester, where she afterwards held the position of Sister. She has also worked in connection with the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Brook Hospital, Shooter's Hill.

Miss Nina May Matthews has been appointed Sister at the National Hospital Queen's Square, Bloomsbury. She was trained at St. Mary's Hospital.

HOME SISTER.

Miss Adelaide Bottrill has been appointed Home Sister at the Infirmary, Birmingham, in which institution she was trained and where she has held the position of Ward Sister and Theatre Sister.

Nursing as a Vocation.*

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While I claim no originality in the idea, for some years I have thought that only women who are deeply religious should take up the life of grave responsibility which inevitably follows the reception of a nurse's diploma. And Dr. S. Weir Mitchell's words to graduate nurses last winter so voice my sentiments that I am going to quote them as a text for my brief remarks on this subject.

He says:

"I have often wanted to unite the entire self-devotion of the sisterhoods with the perfect training of the secular nurse. Do not misunderstand me here. I do not believe in sisterhoods. I have seen and admired the union of perfect training and high sense of religious duty combined in the lay nurse; but it is rare, very rare in your profession and in mine.

"Some nurse with the head, some with the heart, some with both head and heart. Nursing knowledge can be got, but nursing, the highest nursing, is more a question of character than of acquirements. Really believe me, it is a question of goodness; of that side of character which makes for the righteous life, sweet temper, unselfishness, truth—that honesty which is eager to do more than merely to earn wages. I like to say all this, and I delight to repeat what I say whenever I get a chance, that there is a limit to every one's intellectual or technical attainments. There is none to our growth in goodness. And let me say here that such goodness as I crave for the true nurse is the best policy and has commercial value.

"I have just let fall a word about the sisterhoods. As these good women are certainly devoted, earnest, and courageous, it is a good thing to know that by degrees they are admitting the need of secular training.

"But because work is paid work it has no need to be worse than unpaid work; nor, indeed, is it. These good women will at last match your training. Is there not something they can teach many of you to-day? Yes. It is that all honest work is Christ's work, paid or unpaid. It is how you do it and with what spirit that is of moment, and we will be all the better for the thought that we are in His service and bound upon His errands."

The life of a nurse to be ideal must be that of a Christian. We who educate her expect her to be gentle, conscientious, altruistic, self-respecting, sympathetic, and take the golden rule for her guide. Are these not the attributes of the follower of Christ? Far be it from me to undervalue the work done by the majority of nurses. I think I do

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