

### Appointments.

#### MATRON.

Miss Annie Bramwell has been appointed Matron of Tredegar Park Cottage Hospital, Tredegar. She was trained at Charing Cross Hospital and the City of London Lying-in Hospital, and has held the positions of Charge Nurse at the Park Hospital, Hither Green, Night Sister at the Salop Infirmary, and Matron of the Llandrindod Wells Hospital and of the Axminster Cottage Hospital.

Miss F. K. Houghton has been appointed Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Savernake. She was trained at St. George's Hospital, London, where she has held the position of Sister.

#### ASSISTANT MATRON.

Miss Maude Rogers has been appointed Assistant Matron at the Workhouse Infirmary, Milton, Portsmouth. She was trained at the Birmingham Infirmary, and has held the positions of Sister at the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum and Nurse at the British Hospital, Algiers.

#### SISTERS.

Miss A. E. Cawood has been appointed Sister at St. George's Infirmary, Fulham Road. She received her training at the St. Marylebone Infirmary, where she has held the position of Charge Nurse. She has also been Sister at the Bagthorpe Infirmary, Nottingham.

Miss J. Hill has been appointed Sister at the Ulster Hospital, Mount Pottinger, Belfast. She was trained at the Victoria Hospital, Blackpool, and has had experience as a private nurse.

Miss Edith M. Moore has been appointed Sister at the Borough Hospital, Birkenhead. She was trained at the Union Infirmary, Birkenhead, where she has also held the position of Sister.

#### NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss Eugenie B. H. Scott has been appointed Night Superintendent at Nover's Hill Hospital, Bristol. She was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

#### INSPECTORS OF MIDWIVES.

Miss Victoria Evelyn May Bennett, M.B. (London), L.S.A. (London), has been appointed Inspector of Midwives under the London County Council.

Miss Edith Jessie Barbour Wright has been appointed Inspector of Midwives under the Lancashire County Council. She was trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and is a member of its Nurses' League. She holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society, and has had experience in midwifery work in Japan.

#### CHARGE NURSE.

Miss Mabel Herbert has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Bermondsey Infirmary. She was trained at the Shoreditch Infirmary, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Portsmouth Infirmary.

### An Anomalous Case of Central Hæmorrhage, connected with Increased Pressure in the Ear, due to Violent Coughing.

The following case is one of considerable interest, and one whose counterpart I have as yet, despite a search into the literature of the subject, been unable to find:—

A lady, aged fifty-four, the superintendent of a Governess's Home, consulted me on March 11th, 1900. The history she gave was as follows:—Fourteen days before, whilst seated at the luncheon-table, she was attacked by a fit of violent coughing, so uncontrollable as to necessitate her leaving the table and taking refuge in her private sitting-room. During the attack she experienced a sudden "crack" in both ears, which caused her considerable vertigo, deafness, tinnitus, and loss of memory. The vertigo was marked, and continued so for some twelve hours. Tinnitus was of a buzzing character, occasionally pulsating, worse after a meal, and improved on lying down. The deafness was a less-marked symptom than the others, but with it the patient described the hearing as *perverted*, *i.e.*, each sound possessed a different tone to its ordinary one, and she could not recognise voices she was used to hearing frequently. The loss of memory was very marked, so much so that she did not remember a visit paid her in the morning by the secretary of the home, and denied all recollection of his conversation with her.

The following morning she noted that she had some weakness of the right upper and lower extremities, and that there was slight left facial paralysis.

At the consultation, fourteen days after the attack, the deafness, which especially implicated the left ear, was better, having particularly improved during the past two days. The vertigo was still present, but much less marked. The tinnitus had improved, but was her chief complaint, the left ear being the only one affected.

On examination, the tuning-fork placed upon the vertex was heard better by the left ear. Rinne's test was positive on both sides. Bone-conduction was impaired on both sides, about 25 per cent. being lost.

Both membranes were dull, opaque, and indrawn; there were no signs of any rupture, recent or healed. Movement to the pneumatic speculum was good on both sides.

The Eustachian tubes were patent to Valsalva's method and to the air-douche.

The weakness of the extremities had passed off, but the left facial paralysis, though slight, was obvious.

There was nothing noteworthy to be seen by

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