

Appointments.

LADY SUPERINTENDENTS.

Miss Eleanor Caroline Vernet, Lady Superintendent of the National Hospital for Paralysis, Queen Square, London, has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Middlesex Hospital. Miss Vernet was trained for one year as a lady probationer and certificated at Middlesex, 1891-92. In 1893 she was appointed Staff Nurse at the National Hospital, and promoted to be Night Sister in 1895, returning to Middlesex Hospital in the following year as Sister—a position which she resigned in 1899, when elected Lady Superintendent of the National Hospital. We hear that there were several first-class applicants for the post, but it is only fair that one trained at Middlesex should have preference. Miss Constance Perceival has been appointed Superintendent of the Berkshire County Nursing Association, affiliated to Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses. She was trained at the Sheffield Royal Infirmary, and holds a certificate for three years' training. Miss Perceival has gained practical experience in district nursing as a member of the Shoreditch District Nursing Association, and for the past year has worked on the staff of the Paddington District Nursing Association.

MATRONS.

Miss Jessie R. Mitchell has been appointed Matron of the Grey's Hospital, Pietermaritzburg, Natal. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Dundee, and for some years was attached to the Sick Poor Nursing Society of that city as Queen's Nurse. Upon proceeding to South Africa in 1901, Miss Mitchell became Matron of the Refugee Camps at Volksrust in the Transvaal, and was later appointed Sister at Grey's Hospital, Pietermaritzburg.

Miss Florence M. Bird has been appointed Matron of the Grace Swan Memorial Cottage Hospital, Spilsby, Lincolnshire. She was trained at Stockton and Thornaby Hospital, Stockton-on-Tees, and the Western Fever Hospital, Fulham; she has also had experience in private nursing.

Miss N. Cousins has been appointed Matron of the Orphanage of the R.A.O.B., at Aldridge, Staffs. She was trained at University College Hospital, London, and has held various positions in hospitals and other institutions for the treatment of the sick.

Miss M. A. Buckley has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Bath Union Scattered Homes.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Miss Mary A. Nutt, R.R.C., has been appointed Assistant Matron at the Somerset Hospital, Cape Town. Miss Nutt was trained at Guy's Hospital London, where she worked from 1891-98, in which year she went to South Africa and was attached to the West African Frontier Force during the late war. Miss Nutt was awarded the Royal Red Cross in 1899.

Royal Interest in Hospitals.

The Royalties preparatory to undergoing their annual "cures" abroad, have been busy seeing to the welfare of the sick at home. The King opened the new Naval Hospital at Chatham, a most picturesque building, which he thoroughly inspected, visiting the day-rooms, operating theatre, office, men's wards, and even the kitchen.

The Queen has sent toys to the chicks in the Victoria Hospital; and with a fine touch of feeling selected a musical box for the poor little blind fellow who aroused her sympathy during her recent visit to the hospital.

Then the Duke and Duchess of Connaught opened the tasteful new Nurses' Home, a much-needed addition to the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest. The ceremony, a brief one, took place in the charming grounds which surround the hospital. Replying to a vote of thanks, the Duke referred to the sincere pleasure it had afforded to the Duchess and himself to open the Home. He offered hearty congratulations to those who had had the organisation and construction of it, with results that were practical, suitable, and simple. It was in every way adapted to the rest and repose of the nurses, and, remembering that not long ago he was himself in the hands of nurses, he wished to bear testimony to their devotion to duty. He was aware of the admirable and thorough work that the hospital was doing, and it spoke highly for its management that so much was achieved at such little cost. Now that the nurses' quarters were finished, he trusted that the twenty-four vacant beds might be filled, for consumption needed good care and nursing, and he wished that the charity might enjoy a windfall that would ensure the useful work of the past being continued in the future. Before leaving, the Royal party had tea with Miss Clara Trafford, the Matron, and visited the wards, which were beautifully decorated and in perfect order.

And last, but not least, Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll, as President of the Charing Cross Hospital, gave a reception at the hospital to inaugurate the opening of the new wards. After the reception, the Princess, accompanied by members of the Committee and the Matron, Miss Mildred Heather-Bigg, visited the six new surgical wards, one of which is named after herself, the Louise Ward. An inspection was also made of the Levy Ward, the new out-patients' department, and the baths and electrical department. The Princess privately communicated to the members of the staff the great interest she felt in all she had seen, and congratulated the committee upon the bright and comfortable appearance of the wards and the admirable arrangements for the treatment of the sick.

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