

## Appointments.

### LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss McHardy has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Bristol Nurses' Institute and Private Nursing Home. She was trained at King's College Hospital, London, and has held the position of Sister at the Princess Alice Hospital, Eastbourne, Night Superintendent at the Staffordshire General Infirmary, and Lady Superintendent of the Leicester Institution of Trained Nurses.

### MATRONS.

Miss G. M. Moseley has been appointed Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Fleet, Hampshire. She was trained at the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire General Hospital, and has held nursing appointments in Cardiff and Barry, where she was Nurse-in-Charge of Barry District Nursing Home. She has taken Matron's holiday duty at Bridgend Hospital and at Ebbw Valley Accident Hospital, and has held the position of Matron at the Grace Swan Memorial Hospital and Nurses' Home, Spilsby, Lincolnshire. She has also nursed at Barry Dock Accident Hospital, at Cromer, and in Germany.

Miss Annie Wood has been appointed Matron of the Pontypridd Isolation Hospital. She was trained at the London Hospital, and has held the position of Sister at the Fever Hospital, Plaistow.

### SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Miss H. S. Marfleet has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Cheadle Workhouse Infirmary. She was trained at the Workhouse Infirmary, Stoke, where she has held the position of Sister-in-Charge.

### MIDWIFE.

Miss E. M. Barber has been appointed Midwife at the Fulham Infirmary, Hammersmith. She was trained at the Kingston Union Infirmary, and subsequently held the position of Sister in that institution. She is certified by the Central Midwives' Board.

### CHARGE NURSES.

Miss Mary Ann Taylor has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Aston Union Workhouse Infirmary, Birmingham. She received her training at the Bristol Workhouse Infirmary, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Wakefield and Swansea Workhouse Infirmaries.

Miss Effie Hatfield has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Aston Union Workhouse Infirmary. She was trained at the Bradford Infirmary, and has held the position of Ward Sister at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh.

Miss Eva Whitehead has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Barnsley Union Infirmary. She was trained at St. Luke's Hospital, Halifax.

### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

The undermentioned lady to be Staff Nurse (provisionally):—Miss Linda Margaret Draper.

## The Importance of Nursing in Fracture Cases.

The small amount of interest taken in fractures by the majority of Sisters and nurses has always surprised me during a somewhat long hospital experience. As you go round a surgical ward and ask "heavy, Sister"? you are as likely as not to hear the answer—I have often done so—"nothing but fractures, seven femurs make it heavy enough," accompanied by a sniff of disdain.

This attitude always seems to me sad, from the point of view of the patient and the nurse.

The patient has to lie under the care of the Sister for a period of three to seven weeks, according to the nature and position of the fracture, and if the Sister does her task unwillingly (if only in her mind), it is sure, sooner or later, to peep out visibly to the patient.

It is sad for the nurse, for, to my mind, there is no class of case that calls more on the best qualities of a nurse in every way; on her skilfulness, patience, cheerfulness, and every other of the hundred and one good qualities we nurses are supposed to possess.

To hear some people talk and to read certain books, one would think all these moral qualities are tacked on by the Matron immediately a nurse enters a hospital.

Fractures always seem to me interesting from the fact that union, non-union, or mal-union depends greatly on the nursing they receive, more especially at the early stages of healing.

Think what it means to the big, muscular, labouring man with a family as well as a fractured femur, if it is said of him "Oh! only two inches of shortening," in reply to a question as to union. Just that may make all the difference to his being able to earn his living in the one way for which he is fitted. It is hard enough for a man to get work in these days, with no physical disability to handicap him—what of those who have one?

I regret to state I used to long to shake any nurse who told me such things without in the least realising what they meant for the patient.

"Lack of imagination only," people tell me.

It may be, but in that case feed your girls on fairy tales and adventures and fish, or anything likely to help the growth of imagination, for fear they should want to nurse in the future. The good old rule, "make your patient comfortable," holds good for fractures as in other nursing.

By which I don't mean take off your patient's splint at his urgent request, or let him double up his broken bone and hop across the ward, which, by the way, reminds me of a soldier during the war, in Wynberg Hospital, Cape Town.

On being sent to take charge of a certain hut; I soon found there was one man of whom all seemed proud.

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