

Appointments.

MATRON.

County Hospital, Lincoln.—Miss Edith A. Wynne has been appointed Matron of the County Hospital, Lincoln. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, in which institution she has held the position of Sister, Night Superintendent, and, for the last two years of Assistant Superintendent. The Leeds General Infirmary, which is one of the leading provincial training schools and a very busy hospital, is to be congratulated on the well deserved recognition of its status in the nursing world by the selection of one of its pupils to the position of Matron of so important a county hospital as Lincoln.

Bignold Cottage Hospital, Wick.—Miss Jean Sinclair has been appointed Matron of the Bignold Cottage Hospital, Wick. She was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, in which institution she has held the position of Sister.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Rainhill Asylum.—Miss J. A. McCullum has been appointed Assistant Matron at the Rainhill Asylum. She was trained at the Victoria Hospital, and in special branches at the Belvedere Fever Hospital, Glasgow, and Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, and has held the position of Sister at the City Hospital, Liverpool. She is a certified midwife.

SISTER.

Royal Infirmary, Dumfries.—Miss Amy Sharp has been appointed Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Dumfries. She was trained at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, where she also held the position of Sister. She has also been Sister at the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

NIGHT SISTER.

Workhouse Hospital, Chesterfield.—Miss Mary Sissons has been appointed Night Sister at the Workhouse Hospital, Chesterfield. She was trained at the Toxteth Park Workhouse Infirmary, West Derby.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

APPOINTMENTS.—*Staff Nurse:* The undermentioned lady has been appointed Staff Nurse (provisionally): Miss Adah J. St. Clair.

The undermentioned Staff Nurses have been confirmed in their appointments, their periods of provisional service having expired: Miss E. Close and Miss L. M. Draper.

The following ladies have also received appointments as Staff Nurse: Miss A. R. Sibbald, Miss I. J. Egerton, Miss V. L. Batteson, Miss F. E. Manfield, Miss C. V. S. Johnson.

POSTINGS AND TRANSFERS.—*Sisters:* Miss K. M. Hewetson, to Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, from R.M. College, Sandhurst; Miss S. K. Bills, to Military Hospital, Curragh, from the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank.

Staff Nurses: Miss C. V. S. Johnson, to Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot, Miss F. E. Manfield, to Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, on appointment.

RESIGNATIONS.—Staff Nurse Miss O. M. Griffin has resigned her appointment.

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Nurses throughout the British Empire, and indeed throughout the civilised world, combine to offer their congratulations to Miss Florence Nightingale, who celebrated the eighty-sixth anniversary of her birthday on Saturday last. Her name will be always gloriously associated with the Crimean War, but the lesson of her brilliant achievements is that they were the result of previous preparation. Not only had she studied nursing in British hospitals, but she went through a systematic course of training in the Kaiserwerth Deaconesses' Institution in Germany, and also with the Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul in Paris. She had therefore, so far as possible, qualified herself for her life's work, and when the opportunity came she was ready and capable to meet the demands made upon her. Thoroughness of preparation was the keystone of a success which has stood the test of time.

But the essence of her greatness is that she laid the foundations of nursing as a profession by defining those broad general principles which are at the root of all good nursing—principles which will hold good for all time. She emphasised the necessity of placing the nurses in a training school under the authority and discipline of a trained Lady Superintendent. "A training school without a mother is worse than children without parents. In disciplinary matters none but a woman can understand a woman." She also contended that training must make the nurse not servile, but loyal, to medical orders and authorities. "True loyalty to orders cannot be without the independent sense or energy of responsibility, which alone secures real trustworthiness."

The rules she has laid down on the subjects of Sanitation and Hygiene might at the present day be studied with advantage by nurses.

An interesting meeting, organised by the Women's Union of the Church of England Temperance Society, with the object of

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