

## Appointments.

### MATRONS.

**Birkdale Infectious Hospital.**—Miss Nora Beatrice Bannister has been appointed Nurse Matron at the Birkdale Urban District Council Infectious Diseases Hospital. She was trained at the Manchester Royal Infirmary, and has held the positions of Ward Sister, Night Sister, and Assistant Matron at the Baguley Sanatorium, Timperley, Cheshire.

**Infant Asylum, Wanstead.**—Miss Florence Coker has been appointed Matron of the Infant Orphan Asylum, Wanstead. She was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, and has held the positions of Home Sister at the Yarrow House, Broadstairs, and of House Matron at the Down Schools, Sutton, Surrey.

**Merthyr Guest Hospital.**—Miss Sarah Bardwell has been appointed Matron of the Merthyr Guest Hospital, Templecombe. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Salisbury.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

**Sussex County Hospital.**—Miss J. K. Szozeńska has been appointed Assistant Matron at the Sussex County Hospital, Brighton. She was trained at King's College Hospital, and served in South Africa during the war in connection with the Army Nursing Service Reserve. She also holds the certificates of the Central Midwives' Board, and a massage certificate.

### SISTERS.

**Charing Cross Hospital.**—Miss Agnes McBrick-Haugh has been appointed Sister in the Golding Ward, Charing Cross Hospital, in which institution she received her training.

**Charing Cross Hospital.**—Miss Grace Shaw has been appointed Sister in the Theatre at Charing Cross Hospital. She has also completed her four years' training in this institution.

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

The following ladies have received appointments as Staff Nurses:—Miss M. G. Fisher, Miss A. E. Harvey.

**POSTINGS AND TRANSFERS AT HOME.**—*Sisters:* Miss J. E. Dods and Miss L. E. Mackay, from Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank, S.W., to Military Hospital, Gosport.

**POSTINGS AND TRANSFERS ABROAD.**—*Sister:* Miss A. FitzGerald, from Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot, to Egypt.

**Promotions.**—The undermentioned Sisters to be Matrons: Miss H. McCurdy and Miss S. W. Tulloh, R.R.C.

**Appointment confirmed.**—Staff Nurse Miss M. B. Williams is confirmed in her appointment, her period of provisional service having expired.

The War Office has notified to general officers commanding that there is a special staff of Sisters and Staff Nurses of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service at the Queen Alexandra Hospital, Millbank, and that the ladies are available for temporary duty in commands to nurse serious non-transportable cases in military hospitals not supplied with a staff of the Military Nursing Service, or to assist in the larger hospitals in times of pressure.

## Nursing Echoes.

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There is no doubt that from time to time cases of hardship occur in drafting sick people from the receiving-rooms of our large hospitals to the Poor Law Infirmeries without treatment. During the past year nearly every large London hospital has been adversely criticised by Boards of Guardians for "un-Christian and inhuman" actions in this respect. The cases alluded to may not be suitable for admission to the voluntary general hospitals, but, all the same, we consider that, by some arrangement, suffering, and in some instances death, might be averted by temporary relief. Attached to each hospital there should be a Temporary Relief Ward, where poor, old, or serious chronic cases might be admitted for warmth, comfort, and care until such time as they could be carefully removed to a place ready for their reception without being drafted about the City, sometimes long distances, in crude conveyances, and thus running the risk of suffering and injury which a little real charity could easily prevent. The constant criticism to which the hospitals lay themselves open, on the "throwing out" of "chronics" and very poor, sick people, inspires distrust in their management and closes purse clasps with a snap.

Generations of nurses working at St. Bartholomew's Hospital have done so cheerfully in spite of the very poor "Home" accommodation. "Oh! that's nothing—think of the prestige, Rahere, and all that—one can't have everything," as one nurse with ideals once remarked in our hearing. It is quite the right sort of woman, who, when suffering personal discomfort can hark back 800 years, and suffer cheerfully, because in doing so she brings herself into touch with the great founder of the hospital she serves, and rejoices in his reflected glory. Just now some fine airy rooms, close at hand in the residential quarters of Christ's Hospital, are being comfortably furnished for Bart's nurses.

The Local Government Board have sanctioned the appointment of two additional Probationers at the Chelsea Infirmary.

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