

Appointments.

MATRONS.

St. Monica's Hospital, Easingwold.—Miss F. E. Smith has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Infirmary, Bethnal Green, and at the Bagthorpe Infirmary, Nottingham. Amongst other appointments she has held that of Sister at the Huddersfield Infirmary, and she has had experience of private and district nursing in connection with the Victoria Nurses' Home at Ipswich.

Potter's Bar Cottage Hospital.—Miss Harriet Griffith has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Stockport Infirmary, where she held the position of Staff Nurse of the Theatre. She has also been Sister at the Isolation Hospital, Coventry, and Sister and Night Sister at the Stockport Infirmary.

ASSISTANT-MATRONS.

Isolation Hospital, Norwich.—Miss M. B. Vickers has been appointed Assistant Matron. She received her training at the Royal Infirmary, Bradford, where she held the position of Gynaecological Sister. She has also been Sister at the Children's Hospital, Bradford, and Night Sister at the City Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and at the Jenny Lind Infirmary, Norwich.

SISTER.

King Edward VII. Sanatorium, Midhurst.—Miss Ethel Bentley has been appointed Sister. She received her training at the Hope Hospital, Manchester, and has held the position of Sister at the Heswall Sanatorium, Cheshire.

OFFICE SISTER.

Royal Berks Hospital, Reading.—Miss Edith A. Addison has been appointed Office Sister. She was trained at Westminster Hospital, and has since been Sister at the West Ham Infirmary and Night Superintendent at the City Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

NIGHT-SUPERINTENDENT.

Iford Isolation Hospital, Chadwell.—Miss I. Millar has been appointed Night Superintendent. She was trained at the Fleming Memorial Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Park Hill Hospital, Liverpool, and of Sister at the Borough Sanatorium, St. Helen's, Lancashire.

City Hospital, Lodge Moor, Sheffield.—Miss Florence E. Carter has been appointed Night Superintendent. She was trained at Fir Vale Infirmary, Sheffield, and the South Eastern Fever Hospital, London. Miss Carter has held several posts, has experience in private nursing, and holds the certificate of the Central Midwives' Board.

Park Hospital, Hither Green.—Miss E. L. Price, has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at the Holborn Union Infirmary.

STAFF NURSE.

North Staffordshire Infirmary, Hartshill.—Miss Amy Howell has been appointed Staff Nurse. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Oldham. Miss Mitchell has been appointed Staff Nurse in the same institution. She was trained at the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool.

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On Thursday, Her Royal Highness Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, paid a visit to the Queen Victoria District Nursing Home in Liverpool, where she had a very enthusiastic reception.

The Nursing Department at the Middlesex Hospital is being modernised, and alas! away go the time honoured L.P.s (lady pupils). These privileged persons have long out-lived their *raison d'être*. Thirty to forty years ago, when the ward work in our hospitals was more fitted for dray horses than human beings, and when, under the cloak of charity, women were compelled to do heavy manual labour, scrub, cook, carry corpses, or any other work, often for fourteen to sixteen hours a day, it was found physically impossible to exact such terrible drudgery from gently nurtured women.

Scandals were rife, and, thanks to the growing pertinacity of the Press, were exposed. The "slave drivers," as some eminent philanthropists who ran hospitals in those far-off days were named by the "scrub ladies" who did the nursing, prodded by public opinion looked helplessly around and bethought themselves of educated women. A limited number of gentlewomen were permitted upon paying a fee to enter hospitals as nurses to help to clear up the mess, and to encourage them to do so special conditions of service were arranged for them. Thus the lady probationers gradually increased in number, until bye-and-bye the disciplinary and supervising positions gradually passed into their keeping. Matrons and Sisters were chosen from well-educated women, and by degrees the conditions of work in all well-organised institutions made it possible for girls from refined homes to undertake all branches of nursing work without ruining their health.

The majority of hospitals have long since discarded the privileged lady pupil; having

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