

into a bowl of sterile water for this purpose. The same information may, and should be obtained by pouring a small quantity of water over the forearm. Thirdly, among the preparations for an operation one frequently finds several basins which have been placed one within the other in order to economise space. Inquiry usually reveals the fact that no special precautions were taken in so arranging them. It is obvious that the outside of one bowl, after having been lifted off a table and carried by the hands, will contaminate the inner surface of the bowl within which it is placed. Sterilised bowls, when not required for immediate use, should be laid inverted upon a sterile towel."

These are all practical points which nurses will do well to note. The chapter on the duties of nurses and other assistants at a surgical operation may also be studied with advantage.

### Appointments.

#### SISTERS.

**General Hospital, Weston-super-Mare.**—Miss Alys E. Parsons has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Chester, in which institution she has held the position of Sister.

**Central London Sick Asylum, Hendon.**—Miss Caroline Amelia Lee has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Infirmary, Woolwich, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the West Ham Infirmary.

#### SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

**Union Infirmary, Stourbridge.**—Miss Elsie Price has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool, and has held the position of Sister at King's Norton Infirmary, and of Superintendent Nurse at Solihull Infirmary.

#### CHARGE NURSE.

**High Wood School, Brentwood.**—Miss Lillian E. Fincke has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at the Royal Albert Hospital, Devonport, and has held the positions of Sister at the North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple, Sister at the General Hospital, Ramsgate, and Charge Nurse at Gore Farm Fever Hospital, Dartford, Kent.

#### STAFF NURSE.

**Cottage Hospital, Redhill.**—Miss Bridget M. Powell has been appointed Staff Nurse. She was trained at the Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital.

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

Matron Miss Lydia Hardement is placed on retired pay on account of ill-health.

The undermentioned staff nurses are confirmed in their appointments, their periods of provisional service having expired: Miss Mabel Byerley, Miss Marguerite E. Medforth, and Miss Ida J. Pooley.

The undermentioned ladies to be staff nurses (provisionally): Miss Margaret Charlotte Watson, Miss Beatrice Muriel Nye, Miss Eliza McGrath, Miss Margaret Helen Smyth, and Miss Rhoda Beamish.

### Nursing Echoes.

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We beg to thank Miss E. Edith Fowler for a cheque for one guinea, most kindly sent for the Nurses' Home of Rest at Brighton. During the past week the Home has been quite full, and the weather at Brighton simply superb.

The annual meeting of the Somerset County Nursing Association was recently held at Taunton, and from the report the work appears to be extending in every direction. During the year fully trained nurses have been supplied to Spaxton, Freshford, East Quantoxhead, Street, Weston-super-Mare, and Radstock. The County Council have this year made an annual grant of £150 to the Association on the condition that they train and place in the county six midwives yearly. The cost to the Association of giving cottage nurses a year's experience in nursing and midwifery is £50.

This year has witnessed several alterations in the staff of the Association. Miss Ellinor Smith, who had been superintendent of nurses since the commencement, resigned to take the post of Queen's inspector for Wales. The Committee feel that much of the success of the work at the start was due to Miss Smith's powers of organisation and thoroughness, and that she deserves great credit for the cordial relations that she maintained with the nurses under her charge. The Committee have been fortunate in finding as her successor Miss Cicely du Sautoy, who, besides being a fully-trained Queen's nurse and midwife, holds first-class cooking and domestic economy diplomas of the South Wales University, and is an associate of the Sanitary Institute, qualifications which will stand her in good stead in the multifarious duties that fall to her lot. The experiment of appointing the County Superintendent inspectress of midwives having proved successful, the County Council have given the post to Miss du Sautoy, and the County Association have, with the approval of the County Council, appointed Miss Emma S. Pilgrim to assist her in the dual work.

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