

for the children, but there seems little for the adults.

In another house there were two patients. One was a little baby with sore eyes. The other was a baby of larger growth who was suffering from marasmus.

Before sending for the Nurse, the doctor had done his best to instil a little common sense into the mother, who was young and very ignorant, and now she was dazed and tearful.

"The doctor told me to give Jack farinaceous food," she said, "and I cannot get it at the grocer's." (She thought it was some kind of patent food.)

"Both of them have been having a bit of everything we have ourselves," she continued, "and baby's that fond of kippers he would eat the bones if we let him."

The big baby was dieted for a while and became a good advertisement for farinaceous food. But the little baby almost lost the sight of both eyes.

These belong to the ignorant poor. Many of them only need instruction. In these enlightened days one does not hear so much about its being natural for every woman to care for little babies and nurse sick people. Some women are no more born nurses than they are born laundresses. "It gives one pause," as the Americans say, to remember that at the present hour there are over eleven thousand people in England blind because those who had the care of them in their early days were ignorant or careless, or both. Surely the little babies are among the deserving poor.

The ideal District Nurse is a health missionary, a friend, and adviser of the poor, but never a quack and never a dispenser of charity. If the poor are not always grateful it is because they have been taught to expect so much. They will forgive a draper who refuses clothing to a person half nude, or a baker who refuses bread to a hungry one, but never a doctor or a nurse who refuses assistance to a sufferer. As long as we have the example of Him Who came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many, so long will we have men and women who are glad to support and visit and nurse the sick, because He said, "Inasmuch as ye have done unto one of the least of these, My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

A question was recently asked in the House of Commons concerning two children excluded from school on the certificate of a nurse that they were suffering from ringworm, which proved to be incorrect. Diagnosis is no part of a nurse's duty, and she should never undertake it.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Keighley and Bingley Joint Hospital.—Miss A. Hill has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Bethnal Green Infirmary, London, and in fever nursing at the Huddersfield Sanatorium. Miss Hill has been Staff Nurse at the Accident Hospital, Tilbury, and has held the position of Sister at the institution of which she has now been appointed Matron.

Smallwood Hospital, Redditch.—Miss A. E. Truslove has been appointed Matron. She received her training at the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, and has been Staff and District Nurse at Hendsford Accident Home, and Sister and Matron of Keighley and Bingley Joint Hospital.

ASSISTANT MATRONS.

Leeds Union Infirmary.—We recorded last week the appointment of Miss Annie Elizabeth Storey to be Assistant Matron, but her qualifications were not to hand. Miss Storey was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has held the posts of Superintendent Nurse at Bury, Nurse at the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, Charge Nurse at the Park Fever Hospital, Hither Green, London, and has also done district and private nursing, so that she possesses wide experience in a variety of branches of nursing.

SISTERS.

Bethnal Green Infirmary.—Miss L. M. Countee has been appointed Sister. She was trained and has been Staff Nurse in the same institution.

Keighley and Bingley Joint Hospital.—Miss F. Pearson has been appointed Sister. She was trained at Bethnal Green Infirmary, London, and in fever nursing at the Sanatorium, Huddersfield. Miss Pearson has also had experience in private nursing at Coventry.

CHARGE NURSES.

Biggleswade Union Infirmary.—Miss Ada Mary Williams has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at the Cheltenham Workhouse Infirmary, and has been Assistant Nurse at Biggleswade. Miss Williams is also a Certified Midwife.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

Transfers and Appointments.—Miss C. E. Almond to Sick Room Helps Society (holiday duty); Miss R. Chadwick, to Withington; Miss A. Everall, to New Malden (holiday duty); Miss E. A. Hancox, to Ardwick Home, Manchester, as Assistant Superintendent; Miss M. Hardman, to Darwen, as Superintendent; Miss M. Hensman, to Bedford; Miss B. C. Hosking, to Plaistow, as Assistant Superintendent; Miss E. Inston to Widnes (temp.); Miss H. M. Law, to Wisbech (temp.); Miss I. Nicoll, to Lowther (temp.); Miss R. Palk, to Kilburn (temp.); Miss E. K. Roberts, to Darlaston; Miss K. Rogers, to Somercotes; Miss S. M. Rose, to Staverton, under Cheltenham (temp.); Miss Selina Sellers, to Vickerstown (holiday duty), from Withington; Miss L. Taylor, to Stockton, as Superintendent; Miss M. Wall, to Exning (temp.); Miss L. A. Young, to Harlech.

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