

Appointments.

MATRON.

Cottage Hospital, Chesham.—Miss Florence H. Perkins has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool, where she subsequently held the position of Sister. She has also held similar positions at the Princess Alice Memorial Hospital, Eastbourne, and at the City Hospital North, Liverpool.

SISTERS.

County Hospital, Dorchester.—Miss E. H. Moorman has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield, and has had some experience of private nursing.

General Hospital, Burton-on-Trent.—Miss Amy E. J. Scanlan has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Hospital, Grimsby, and the Hospital for Women, Soho Square, London, W. She has also held the position of Sister at the West Ham Hospital, and at the Ashton-under-Lyne Infirmary, and has worked as a district nurse in Yorkshire.

Victoria Hospital, Keighley.—Miss Alison Topping has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Infirmary, Bury, and the Fever Hospital, Halifax, and has been Staff Nurse, and Night Charge Nurse at the Rochdale Infirmary.

NIGHT SISTER.

Children's Hospital, Nottingham.—Miss Roberts has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, and has held the position of Staff Nurse at the New Hospital for Women, Euston Road, London.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

The undermentioned ladies have been appointed staff nurses (provisionally): Miss Mary Ann Gordon Martin, Miss Flora Cameron Craig, Miss Jeanie McPherson Barclay Smith, and Miss Ethel May Croisdale.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

Transfers and Appointments.—Miss Florence M. Ford to Gosport, Miss Gibson to Sussex as County Superintendent, Miss Mary Malseed to Ardwick Home, Manchester, Miss Millicent Neilson to Darwen, Miss Eveline M. Pemberton to Dunmow, Miss Henrietta Price to Yeovil, Miss Hannah E. Robinson to Ellet, Miss Selina Sellers to Hammersmith (temp.), Miss Minnie Wells to Worthing (temp.).

The Passing Bell.

We greatly regret to record the death of Miss Minnie Hopwood, the district (Q.V.J.I.) nurse at Oxted, Surrey, who lost her life owing to a cycling accident. She lost control of her machine going down a hill, and colliding with a passer-by was thrown heavily on her head, and died immediately.

Nursing Echoes.

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All over the world nursing problems are much the same. We have always held that a specially high type of woman is needed for the nursing of mental and nerve cases, and we were very interested to hear Miss M. A. Nutting, during her brief visit recently, express the opinion that exceptionally well qualified women are needed for this branch of work. The reason she gave was that in the case of a nerve-patient the doctor's prescription was most usually a nurse. He would keep the patient under observation, perhaps, for a fortnight, and then, laying down general principles, would send him or her away in charge of the nurse for six weeks or longer. The nurse must be socially congenial to the patient, must relieve him of all trouble in regard to travelling arrangements and domestic matters, must be tactful, and able to manage him wisely.

Such a combination of qualities is not common, and there is greater demand for than supply of nurses who possess them. It is unquestionable that in this country the lack of legal status for nurses is deterring some of the best educated and most desirable women from applying for training, and, indeed, we were told not long since by the Matron of a provincial hospital that her best educated pupils now come from abroad, and that out of a comparatively small staff four are Danish ladies. Yet there is a great demand for a high type of nurse, and the sick must suffer unless some means is found of attracting women of such a type to our ranks in increasing numbers.

The daily press has done good service in calling attention to the danger of railway carriages as factors in the dissemination of disease. A point which is not so often realised is the undoubted possibility of the infection of heads by pediculi, which are easily harboured in the upholstered backs of seats. The practise of wearing a motor veil when travel-

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