

Ruchill Hospital Enquiry.

The investigation into the administration and management of the Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow, was opened on Monday last by Sheriff Crawford, Miss Landles, the Matron, and Dr. Johnston, the physician-superintendent, who were present, were legally represented, as were the assistant resident physicians. Ten of the nurses were represented by Mr. H. P. Gordon Ferguson, and the Rev. D. W. Roberts appeared for seventy-two members of the Nurses' Protective Association. Three resident physicians gave evidence, and amongst the allegations made by them were that certain of the wards were overcrowded, the nurses overworked, and the hospital understaffed; that a nurse with no previous experience of diphtheria was put in charge of the diphtheria ward; that a nurse in charge of an enteric ward during the absence of the Sister had only been three weeks in the ward, and had had no previous experience of enteric fever, that some of the patients on milk diet got solid food, that many of the older nurses had left, and that apparently no attempt was made to keep them; that the supply of linen was inadequate; that patients lay in their own excreta, and in wet sheets; that restrictions were imposed upon the Sisters and Nurses by the Matron, so that certain information was withheld from the physicians; there was no system, and the patients were attended by nurses who had not the proper experience. An eight months' probationer having asked to be relieved of the charge of a ward, one of only five months' experience was substituted. That a patient who developed an acute attack of nephritis had been out of bed on two successive nights. That instructions that a patient's eyes should be bathed were not carried out. Subsequently the sight of both eyes was lost.

We shall hope to give a further report of this enquiry next week.

THE NURSING AND MIDWIFERY EXHIBITION.

A committee of doctors, many of them women, are organising a Nursing and Midwifery Exhibition, to be held in the Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer Street, Regent Street, London, W., from April 28th to May 1st. It is hoped to have on view all the latest scientific inventions and improvements that have been recently produced for the advancement of knowledge amongst nurses and midwives. Lectures will be given each evening. We are very favourable towards exhibitions—they can be made so educational—but if a nursing exhibition is to be a success experts should help to organise it, and we regret the omission of trained nurses from the Reception Committee. We hope this omission will soon be rectified.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

The undermentioned ladies to be Staff Nurses (provisionally): Miss A. F. Allen, Miss G. Hughes, Miss E. S. M. Forrester, Miss E. Addams Williams, and Miss K. M. Procter.

Appointments.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

Alexandra House.—Miss Broome has been appointed Lady Superintendent. She was trained at St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner, S.W., and has recently been Sister-in-Charge of St. George's Hospital Trained Nurses' Institute.

MATRONS.

Westmeath County Infirmary.—Miss M. L'Estrange has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Steevens' Hospital, Dublin, and has held the position of Day Nurse in the West Meath County Infirmary for the past six years.

Victoria Hospital, Kingston-on-Thames.—Miss Pirie has been appointed Matron (on probation) in succession to the late Miss Dunn. She was trained at the Warneford Hospital, Leamington, where she was Silver Medallist. She then was appointed to the charge of a male block at the Heathcote Fever Hospital, near Leamington, where, during the Matron's absence, she acted as her locum tenens.

SISTER IN CHARGE.

Convalescent Home, Muirfield House, Gullane.—Miss Helen Simpson has been appointed Sister in Charge of the Convalescent Home, Muirfield House, Gullane. Miss Simpson was trained for four years at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and for the last three years has been Medical Out-Patient Sister at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh.

SISTER.

Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh.—Miss Lottie Baillie has been appointed Medical Out-Patient Sister. She was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

Miss Lucy Hayes has been appointed Sister of the Charteris Ward (Medical) at the same hospital. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Bradford, and held the posts of Staff Nurse, Theatre Sister, and Surgical Sister at Charing Cross Hospital. She has done private nursing and has the midwifery certificate of the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

General Infirmary, Worcester.—Miss Annie Foley has been appointed Night Superintendent. She was trained at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, and has held the position of Ward Sister at the Infirmary, Kingston Hill, Surrey, for a year and seven months.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

Transfers and Appointments.—Miss C. E. Salmon appointed Superintendent, Cornwall County Nursing Association; Miss L. M. Glass appointed School Nurse and Health Visitor at Darwen; Miss B. Lendrum, to Cambridge as Superintendent; Miss A. A. Alder, to Grantham (temp.); Miss M. J. Baldwin, to Bacup; Miss J. Bayne, to Sudbury; Miss A. S. Hiscocks, to Winchester, from Ashby-de-la-Zouch; Miss E. Palmer, to Kensington, from Birmingham (Newhall Street); Miss F. J. Sharpe, to Norwich (temp.); Miss G. Sommers-James, to March; Miss E. Wheritt, to Kilburn (temp.)

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