

the first half of 1907. The Matron thought not, and she was entitled to her opinion. She was new to the hospital. The circumstances were such as prevented her having a fair chance. It was on his advice his assistants put their grievances in writing. These included not being consulted as to changes of staff, an insufficient number of nurses and sisters, inexperienced nurses in charge of wards and on ambulance duty. In the interests of efficiency they asked that an agreement might be come to concerning these matters.

In November and December additional nurses were obtained from nursing homes. The witness had introduced the present ambulance arrangement. It had been brought out that it interfered with the convenience of the wards, and he thought the introduction of some other system desirable.

DR. CHALMERS, Medical Officer of Health, repudiated the suggestion that the shortage of nurses was due to their fear of cerebro-spinal fever. It was quite contrary to their experience in Glasgow to have nurses refuse to volunteer even for an unknown disease. He thought registration had more to do with it. The Committee, recognising the advantages of nurses being registered, looked with favour upon their going away after three years and getting general training. Dr. Johnston had never remonstrated with him as to the overcrowding of the hospital. If he had he would have seriously considered the remonstrance at once.

The Report of the Commissioners to the Local Government Board will be awaited with much interest.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Victoria Hospital for Sick Children, Hull.—Miss C. Sidgwick has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Westminster Hospital, London, and at present holds the position of Assistant Matron at the West End Hospital, Welbeck Street, London, W.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Monyhull Colony for Epileptics and Feeble-minded. Miss A. M. E. Bodley has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Brompton Hospital, and has held the position of Night Superintendent at the Fulham Infirmary, and of Sister at the Birmingham Infirmary.

HOME SISTER.

Union Infirmary, Ashton-under-Lyne.—Miss G. D. Clark has been appointed Home Sister and Superintendent Nurse. She received her training at the Prescott Union Infirmary, and holds the certificate of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses. She is also a Certified Midwife.

SISTER.

Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital.—Miss K. E. Salmon has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the North Staffordshire General and Eye Hospital, and has held the position of Staff Nurse in the Surgical Ward and Theatre at the West Ham Hospital, and of Sister in the Men's Surgical Ward and Out-patient Department at the Essex and Colchester Hospital.

Victoria Hospital, Keighley.—Miss Mary Thwaites has been appointed Sister in the male wards. She was trained at the Blackburn and East Lancashire Infirmary, where she has temporarily held the positions of Ward Sister and Staff Nurse.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Dudley Union Infirmary.—Miss Elizabeth Wilson has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at St. George's Infirmary, London, and has held the position of Superintendent Nurse at Christchurch Infirmary and at Dudley Infirmary, Matron of the Children's Convalescent Home at Dudley, and has recently been engaged in private nursing.

CHARGE NURSE.

Dudley Union Infirmary.—Miss Ada Williamson has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at the Crumpsall Infirmary, and has done district nursing in connection with the Stockport Nursing Association. She has also held the position of Charge Nurse at the Crumpsall Infirmary, the City Hospital, Sheffield, and the Birmingham and Midland Homeopathic Hospital.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

The undermentioned Staff Nurses are confirmed in their appointments, their periods of provisional service having expired:—Miss Katherine E. Hearn, Miss Nina Parke, and Miss Elizabeth K. Parker.

The undermentioned ladies to be Staff Nurses (provisionally):—Miss Amelia Elizabeth Millie Steen and Miss Grace Hardyman Caulfeild.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S NURSING SERVICE FOR INDIA.

Miss Ethel Chancellor has been appointed a Nursing Sister.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

Transfers and Appointments.—Miss E. Isobel Branscombe, to Haslemere; Miss Norah A. Brice, to Three Towns; Miss Mary E. Chisholm, to Kettering; Miss Alice M. Goodman, to Hanley (temp.); Miss Florence M. Mawson, to Brighton (temp.); Miss Margaret H. Spalding, to Sonning; Miss Christine A. Tait Mackay, to Lincoln City; Miss Lois B. Watkins, to Haslemere.

SANITARY INSPECTORS' EXAMINATION BOARD.

The following candidates have passed the recent examination for sanitary inspectors under the Public Health (London) Act, 1891. Miss Albinia Brodrick, Miss Margery Cossens, Mr. Alfred Coudroy, Miss Alice Perry, Mr. H. A. Pearce, Mr. Harold G. Sharp, Miss Amy Sharp, and Mr. Sydney V. Trimming (Royal Sanitary Institute), Miss Janet Baron, Miss Mary F. Cremen, Miss Margaret Patteson, Miss Marie H. McColl, Miss Hester Parkes, Miss Margaret M. Urquhart, and Mrs. Katherine Ross (National Health Society), Mr. Leonard Fuller and Mr. Alfred Barr (King's College), Miss Dora Barron (Hackney Institute), and Miss Helen C. Hodgson, Miss Mary Sutton, and Mr. James W. Wood (in office as sanitary inspectors).

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