

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Maternity Nursing Association, 63, Myddelton Square, E.C.—Miss Sibyl Daunev has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., and worked for two years in South Africa during the war, and has recently held the position of Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Ross-on-Wye.

Warrington Infirmary and Dispensary.—Miss Evelyn R. Tait has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and has held the position of Assistant Matron at the West London Hospital.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Larbert District Asylum, Stirling.—Miss Mary McNicol has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, where she has held the position of Sister. She has held a similar position at Bellfield Sanatorium, Lanark, and at the Shoreditch Infirmary.

SISTERS.

Thompson Memorial Hospital, Lisburn, Co. Antrim.—Miss Janet Hunter has been appointed Sister in the Women's Wards. She was trained at the Toxteth Infirmary, Liverpool, and has held the position of Staff Nurse at the Sherburn Hospital, near Durham, Staff Nurse at the Victoria Hospital, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire; and of Temporary Sister at the Kingston Infirmary, Kingston-on-Thames.

Royal Eye and Ear Hospital, Bradford.—Miss Margaret Myers has been appointed Out-Patient Sister. She was trained at the Infirmary, Blackburn, where she has held the position of Night Sister.

St. Pancras Infirmary, South.—Miss Emily Maud Allan has been appointed Sister. She was trained at Shoreditch Infirmary, where she was promoted to the position of Staff Nurse. She is a Certified Midwife.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Matrons—Miss Harriet McCurdy is placed on retired pay. Dated May 6th, 1908.

The undermentioned Staff Nurses resign their appointments: Miss Edith L. Jackson, Miss Beatrice M. Oates, Miss Maud Plaskitt, Miss Rosamund Lucy Nevile.

The undermentioned ladies to be Staff Nurses (provisionally): Miss Carry Webster, Miss Florence McClelland.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

Transfers and Appointments.—Miss Jessie Richmond has been promoted to the post of Senior Nurse at Chatham; Miss Mary Baldwin, to Chatham; Miss Elizabeth S. Carter, to Keston; Miss Daisy E. Edgley, to Sheerness; Miss Margaret Gorst, to Bacup; Miss Lucy Macpherson, to St. Michael's, Lower Sydenham; Miss Annie Ringrow, returned to Yaxley; Miss Florence Steele, to Newton Heath (temporarily); Miss Annie Tulloch, to Stockton.

Nursing Echoes.



We are sorry to receive the complaint from many Matrons that there is an increasing difficulty in obtaining the services of "the right sort of woman" as hospital probationers. One writes: "We really cannot engage the trash offered." That is a strong expression of opinion, and we know that if they can speak good

English, Swedish and Danish women are becoming increasingly acceptable. "I can't account for the difficulty," another writes, "everything is so wonderfully improved for the comfort of the nursing staffs in hospitals now-a-days. I suppose it is the spirit of the age."

We know there is a shoddy spirit around, and that middle class girls are very badly educated in country places, often by a quite inefficient governess, and that steady application is seldom exacted from them. Moreover, "the home" is sadly neglected. Dust and disorder is often sadly apparent, and time wasted in the pursuit of futilities, which should be spent in conquering the essentials of life.

The most interesting Report presented by Lord Ludlow, Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, to the Governors for the year 1907 contains an announcement of an important change in the constitution of the Trained Nurses' Institution. "The revised scale of fees upon which nurses who have received a complete training in this hospital are sent out to the public came into force on the 1st January, 1907, and at the same time the Co-operative system as between the nurses and the Institution was introduced as an alternative to the old arrangement of payment by salary and percentage on earnings. The result of these steps would appear to be satisfactory from the fact that whereas the number of nurses on the staff in 1906 was only 48, and for many years past has averaged less than that number, there are now 66 nurses in continuous work, and of these 53 have elected to serve under the co-operative system."

We congratulate the Governors that on the advice of the Treasurer, and of the Matron, Miss Isla Stewart, they have adopted the just policy of securing to the nurses of the private nursing staff the full benefit of their earnings,

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