

## Appointments.

### NURSE MATRON.

**Accident Hospital, Derwent Valley Water Board, Birchinlee, Derbyshire.** Miss C. Proudlove has been appointed Nurse Matron. She was trained at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield.

### SISTER.

**Infectious Diseases Hospital, Darlington.**—Miss Edith Cockill has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the St. Marylebone Infirmary, Notting Hill, W., and at Oakwell Joint Hospital, Birstall, near Leeds.

**Seacroft Fever Hospital, Leeds.**—Miss M. A. Robertson has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield, and has held the position of Sister at the Royal Isle of Wight County Hospital, Ryde.

### NIGHT SISTER.

**Isolation Hospital, Warrington.**—Miss Hannah Sumner has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the Crumpsall Infirmary, Manchester, and has held the position of Staff Nurse at Morton Hospital, near Alfreton, Derbyshire, and of Night Superintendent at the Florence Nightingale Hospital, Bury.

### CHARGE NURSE.

**Hackney Union Infirmary.**—Miss May Bennett has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at St. George's Infirmary, Fulham Road, S.W., and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Gore Farm Hospital, and of temporary Sister at St. Mary's (Islington) Infirmary, Highgate Hill, London.

### QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

*Transfers and Appointments.*—Miss Bertha Eunice Bennett, to Torquay; Miss Fanny Bensted, to Darlington; Miss Ada Alice Bines, to Cardiff; Miss Nora A. Brice, to Hammersmith; Miss Caroline M. Coaling, to Cheltenham; Miss Alice M. Goodman, to Franham Royal; Miss Florence L. W. Hemming, to Gloucester, as Assistant County Superintendent; Miss Sarah Jones, to Coedpoeth; Miss Matilda Kerr, to Arnold and Daybrook, from Moseley Road Home, Birmingham; Miss Mary J. MacIvor, to Ilkeston; Miss Ada E. Marsdin, to Leamington; Miss Mary G. Milne, to Warrington, as Superintendent, from Bradford Home, Manchester; Miss Hannah Owen, to Llanidan; Miss Mary Phillips, to Gilfach; Miss Ellen L. Pybus, to Woolwich, as Superintendent; Miss Isabella Randall, to Chertsey; Miss Ada Smith, to Brighton (Hove); Miss Kate Turner, to Grantham; Miss Alice Warwick, to Shoreditch.

### WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, April 17th, the marriage takes place, at Marylebone Parish Church, of Mr. Charles R. Smith and Miss Edith Rhodes, until recently a member of the Registered Nurses' Society. Many of the members of this Society will wish to convey to the bride and bridegroom elect their sincere good wishes for their future happiness, and the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*, the official organ of their Society, takes this opportunity of expressing them. Their future home will be at Wembley.

## Nursing Echoes.



The object of the Imperial Sunday Alliance to obtain Legislative action securing to all classes of workers one day's rest in seven, that day to be whenever practicable Sunday, is one which must interest nurses, for probably, of all classes, they are the one for whom that day has been least obtainable, unless it be the clergy.

It is manifestly impossible that nurses, either in hospital, or on private duty, should have Sunday off as a day of rest, for day and night, Sunday and week-day, the sick must be nursed. The exigencies of the case demand that the work should go on without cessation all the twenty-four hours round. But, at any rate, in hospitals, the "one day in seven" is a question of organisation, of a sufficiency of nurses, of money; so that we come back to the primary cause affecting the conditions under which nurses work—expense. It is the most potent factor in governing their pay, their professional education, their rest. Sufficient funds are obtained with difficulty for the support of hospitals, and women's labour is cheap. Why pay nurses more when plenty can be obtained to work for meagre salaries? Why give them one day off in seven when they will work the week round, and increased time off duty means a larger staff, larger buildings, more expense? Certainly, the hours off duty of nurses in hospitals and infirmaries tend to increase, not to decrease; many on day duty now get a whole day and a half day off duty once a month; many night nurses have one night off duty each month—a privilege undreamed of years ago. But this is by no means the rule even now, and especially in the case of asylum nurses, hours on duty are often unduly long.

Of course, in the case of private nurses, where one nurse is on duty as a rule alone, the one day's rest in seven is seldom possible; the only way in which she can obtain it is by taking the same number of days off duty when coming in from a case as she has been weeks in attendance upon it. At the same time, private cases vary greatly. Some mean strenuous work throughout; at others, the nurse has comparatively little to do, and, indeed, gets change and rest.

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