

Appointments.

MATRON.

The Children's Infirmary, Carshalton, M.A.B.—Miss Mary Winnill has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and she has had varied and valuable experience in nursing and hospital management. Miss Winnill has held the positions of Ward Sister and Night Superintendent at the Lewisham Infirmary, Sister Matron at Roseneath, N.B. Sister at Swanley Convalescent Home, and Night Superintendent and Housekeeper at the Grove Hospital. For the past five years Miss Winnill has been Assistant Matron, where she has also done temporary Matron's duties, at the South-Western Fever Hospital, Stockwell. In several of these institutions she has had special experience in the care of sick children. In addition to wide professional experience, Miss Winnill possesses energy, a keen sense of public duty, and straight opinions on professional questions. She will be heartily welcome in a position of extended influence, where such qualities are of value to the profession as a whole.

NURSE MATRON.

The Sanatorium, Bury St. Edmunds.—Miss Jean A. Hay has been appointed Nurse Matron. She was trained at Perth Hospital, N.B. She has also been Staff Nurse at Barnhill Sanatorium, and has done private nursing at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SUPERINTENDENT.

Huddersfield and District Victoria Sick Poor Nurses' Association, Clare Hill, Huddersfield.—Miss Mary H. Jones has been appointed Superintendent. She was trained at the Birmingham Infirmary, and has held the position of Queen's Nurse in Birmingham from December, 1901, to September, 1905, and of Senior Queen's Nurse at Hanley from September, 1908, to the present time. She is a certified midwife.

Birmingham Infants' Health Society.—Miss Ethel F. Vine has been appointed Lady Superintendent. She was trained in the Isle of Wight Union, and has held the position of practising midwife in connection with Hastings District Nursing Association in affiliation with the Q.V.J.I.

SUPERINTENDENT OF NURSES' HOME.

Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Marylebone Road, N.W. Miss Margaret F. Macintyre has been appointed Superintendent of the Nurses' Home. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, and has held the position of Sister at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, Night Superintendent at Fulham Infirmary, and Sub-Matron at Isleworth Infirmary.

SISTER.

Charing Cross Hospital, W.C.—Miss Maud Green has been appointed Sister in the Electrical Department. She was trained for four years at the same hospital, and has held the position for eight months of Staff Nurse in the Electrical Department, and has also been Staff Nurse in a surgical ward.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Miss M. Thomas, R.R.C., on her retirement is granted permission to retain the badge of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, in recognition of her long and devoted service.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE

Transfers and Appointments.—Miss Alice Nichol, to Staffordshire County Nursing Association, as Assistant Superintendent; Miss Ada Duckworth, to Nelson; Miss Minnie Granville Smith and Miss Elizabeth Ellison, to Heywood; Miss Beatrice Botting, to Southwark; Miss Mary S. Wells, to Millwall; Miss Phoebe Hughes, to Swansea; Miss May Jones, to Oystermouth; Miss Sarah C. Rees, to Laleston; Miss Ethel M. Williams, appointed to Morecambe permanently; Miss Laura Perry, to Broadheath, Altrincham; Miss Ernestine Eardley, to Worcester; Miss Alice M. Corns, to Badminton; Miss Elizabeth C. Evans, to Clydach; Miss H. Dineen, to Manchester, Bradford Home.

The Passing Bell.

AN APPRECIATION BY A FELLOW-WORKER.

On Sunday, November 28th, a great-hearted man passed quietly and quickly to his rest—Major David C. Courtney, late R.E., a member of the Governing Boards of several hospitals and other philanthropic bodies in Ireland—viz., the Dublin Hospital Sunday Fund, Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, the Royal Hospital for Incurables, the National Hospital for Consumption, Newcastle, co. Wicklow, St. Patrick's Nurses' Home (Q.V.J.I.), the Rest for the Dying, etc. All these, and many others, will mourn his loss. He helped them in his own practical way; no detail was too small for his attention, no circumstance too trivial for his consideration. His life was one long thought for others and for those who needed help. Generous, courteous, loyal, and kindly to all, administrative difficulties vanished and worries were smoothed away by his sound advice. It was an encouragement and a privilege to have known him and worked for him, and in sympathising deeply with his family in their great sorrow we, as nurses, can also rejoice that he was spared the weariness and pain of a long illness. In quoting H. Coleridge we can truly say:—"What he is now we know not! He will be a beautiful likeness of the God that gave him work to do, which he did so well."

We regret to record the death of Mother Frances (Frances Wilde) of the Community of St. Mary and St. John, Chiswick, who for 50 years has devoted her life to the care of the sick and suffering. At the time of the Crimean War she first began to think of nursing, and entered King's College Hospital for training, a life-long friendship with Miss Florence Nightingale dating from this time. The Galignani Hospital for English-speaking strangers in Paris, and a hospital for incurable women in Kensington Square, later removed to Chiswick, to a hospital for 40 patients built after her own plan, owe much to her fostering care. On the morning of her burial the wide corridor leading to the chapel of the hospital at Chiswick was, says a contemporary, lined with sick and suffering folk who had looked to her to comfort them on their own death beds; some on crutches, some in chairs, some lying on the floor, some in nurses' arms, and all sorrowing for a true friend, as her body was carried out on its way to Brookwood burial ground.

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