

INSPECTOR OF MIDWIVES.

County of Berkshire.—Miss Elizabeth Nicholls has been appointed Inspector of Midwives. She was trained at the Union Hospital, Sheffield, and has also had experience in infectious nursing. For twenty-one months she was Superintending Nurse, and for eight years Matron of the Military Families' Hospital at Devonport. She is at present Inspector of Midwives, Health Visitor and School Nurse under the Leicester County Council.

HEALTH VISITOR.

County Borough of Stoke-on-Trent.—Miss Gertrude Eastwood has been appointed Health Visitor. She has held the positions of Deputy Matron and Ward Sister at the Isolation Hospital, Chester.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.*Transfers and Appointments.*

Miss Elsie Benians is appointed to Farnham Royal, Miss Jenny Davis to Cannock Chase, Miss Margaret Hodgson to Elmton and Creswell, Miss Constance Fuller to Gosport, Miss Frances Furnival to Norwich, Miss Nellie Le Moine to Tipton, Miss Mary Robertson to Cleator.

SISTER OF NURSING STAFF.

The well-known Nursing Home, at 11, Broadlands Road, Highgate, hitherto successfully conducted by Miss Hogg, has been taken over by Miss E. C. Higgins, of 3, North Grove, Highgate, who is redecorating, installing electric light throughout, and refurnishing on up-to-date surgical lines. She will herself hold the post of Sister of the nursing staff. It is hoped the Home will be ready for the reception of patients on Jan. 1st.

A HISTORY OF NURSING.

Miss L. L. Dock has been busy all autumn editing the third volume of "A History of Nursing," to complete the trilogy. The period covered will comprise what may be termed the "Nightingale Era," from about 1860 to date.

When it is realised that the volume is to contain a national chapter on nursing, covering the last half-century from every country where trained nursing exists, and that the space is necessarily limited, it is impossible to do more than give a survey of nursing history in each country. Indeed, the difficulty has been to compress the vast amount of material into the limited space available. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss M. Breay, and Miss Amy Hughes have supplied material for the English chapter; Miss A. W. Gill, R.R.C. (of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh), that on Scottish Nursing; and the Irish Nurses' Association have been responsible for the history of Nursing in Ireland. No doubt the material forwarded from all over the world will have to suffer drastic excision—but, in the hands of Miss Dock, we may rest assured that the essentials will be retained.

NURSING ECHOES.

Already anticipations of Christmas are in the air in hospitals and infirmaries. Long discussions and confidential conversations, in Sister's room and out of it, journeys of nurses to Christmas bazaars, extra leave for night nurses to enable them to undertake errands at longer distances, and all the mysterious atmosphere which is so bewildering and yet so bewitching to the young folk. Truly Christmas glows with joy long before and long after the Day itself.

We beg to thank members of the National Council of Nurses for many letters expressing their pleasure at having been present at the Isla Stewart Oration, at the Guildhall. One writes: "It was a very beautiful and solemn ceremony"; another, "The annual Oration will be a truly elevating influence in the National Council, if kept on the high plane of Friday's meeting." "I have never felt more uplifted—Mrs. Sewall is a very spiritual personality." "The whole atmosphere of the meeting was beneficent." "I am most grateful for invitation, and hope I may be included every year." "The Oration was balm in Gilead to those of us who valued dear Miss Stewart and all her noble deeds." "Thank you for conceiving the possibility of an Oration in honour of a woman—it should be a beacon in the nursing world from year to year."

We have pleasure in publishing on the next page a portrait of Miss A. M. Peel, a recent member of the Matrons' Council, and Matron of the Victoria Hospital, Blackpool. Miss Peel was trained at the Kidderminster Infirmary and Children's Hospital, where she also held the position of Sister. When she was appointed Matron of the Victoria Hospital on its opening in 1894, it had only ten accident beds; within thirteen years that number had increased to 80 beds and cots.

Viscount Goschen presided at a meeting of the Council of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, held at the Offices of the Institute on the 6th instant. It was reported that Queen Alexandra had appointed the Duke of Devonshire President of the Institute for the next three years. It was decided to form a joint standing Committee, consisting of representatives of the Council of the Institute and of the North and South Wales Nursing Association, for the consideration of matters arising with reference to the Principality. A very satisfactory report of the Home of Rest for

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