

## NURSING ECHOES.

We have pleasure in publishing the accompanying portrait of Miss Kathleen Smith, Lady Superintendent of the West Kent General Hospital, Maidstone, and recently elected a member of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland. Miss Smith was trained at the Essex and Colchester Hospital and the Royal Hampshire Hospital, and has held the following appointments:—

Ward Sister at the Colchester Hospital, and the Southampton Incorporation Infirmary, Ward and Theatre Sister at the West Norfolk Hospital, Ward Sister at the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester, Assistant Matron in the same institution, and Housekeeping Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Leicester. Miss Smith has now been Lady Superintendent of the West Kent Hospital for a year. She is a strong believer in State Registration of Trained Nurses, and a keen supporter of the movement for woman's suffrage.

We are pleased to note that the excellent training given in country hospitals, often practically better than in the metropolitan hospitals, where medical students abound, has been recognised by committees in two very important recent appointments. Miss E. F. Corser Brown, trained at the Leamington and South Warwickshire Hospital, has been selected as Matron of the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, which contains 430 beds, and Miss E. Steele Innes, trained at Leeds General Infirmary, has been honoured by the committee of her Alma Mater by her election to succeed

Miss Fisher (no easy task) as Lady Superintendent at that important institution, which has 395 beds. To each hospital is attached an excellent training school for Nurses, and the fact that nurses receiving their training in them may aspire to the best posts, naturally encourages a desirable class of woman to enter these nursing schools. The committees of management of these institutions show sound common sense in making such appointments.



MISS KATHLEEN SMITH,  
Matron, West Kent General Hospital.

Now is the time for well-trained general hospital nurses to avail themselves of an opportunity of acquiring practical experience in Fever Nursing. There are vacancies under the Metropolitan Asylums Board; and no nurse can consider herself thoroughly equipped for private nursing without such experience.

The Workhouse and Infirmary Management and Visiting Committee of the City of London Board of Guardians presented at the last meeting a lengthy report upon a scheme prepared for the better training of nurses in the Infirmary, which included a

proposal to add an additional year to the period for training probationer nurses for the purposes of securing instruction in electro-therapeutics, massage, and the Nauheim Treatment, and outside training in surgical nursing.

The report was held over for a fortnight. It is to be hoped this excellent scheme will then be adopted.

The Board of Management of the Chester Infirmary have consented to the renovated old fever wards being called Lowry Thomas and

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