

ADDRESS TO NURSES BY SIR WILLIAM OSLER.

Sir William Osler has always shown a sympathetic interest with nurses and nursing, and in an address at the recent "Commencement" of the Nurses' Training School at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, U.S.A., with which for so many years he was so closely associated (published in the Nurses' *Alumnæ Magazine*), he had many interesting things to say.

Amongst them he mentioned that when the hospital was first opened the question of a Lady Superintendent and the head of the Training School was a very difficult one. There were some eighty applicants, who were gradually reduced to three, or it may have been five. . . . "The last one to appear was Miss Isabel Hampton. She entered the room looking like an animated Greek statue. Mr. (President) Gilman looked at Mr. King and smiled; then he looked at Dr. Billings, and he smiled again; then he threw a glance at Dr. Welch, and he had no time to smile before he looked at me with a wider smile, and we knew that all was settled. . . . How successful that appointment was, you all know, and how splendidly that 'perfect woman, nobly planned,' carried out the wishes of the Trustees and of the Medical Staff, and worked loyally in the best interests of her profession and of the public."

Speaking to the newly graduated nurses on the different lines of work open to them, Sir William Osler said: "The work of the district nurse I hope will attract many of the best of you. If I was not a doctor in the easy berth of the Regius Professor of Medicine in the ancient University of Oxford, I would like to be a district nurse. I do not believe there is an occupation in the world in which a person has as many opportunities of doing so much good to her fellow-creatures."

MEDALS AND EXAMINATIONS.

At the recent annual meeting of the Princess Christian Hospital, Weymouth, held at the institution, the President, Lady Portman, presented "Merit" medals for 1913 to Nurses M. A. Baker and H. Price, and a bar for 1912 was also presented to Nurse D. M. Bird. Dr. Lawrie explained that the medals had been awarded after lectures and severe examinations.

BEQUEST TO A NURSE.

Among the bequests of Sir John Murray Scott is one of £500 to Nurse Annie Parnaby.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.—Miss Constance C. Crookenden has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, where she held the position of Sister in various wards, and of Housekeeping Sister for six months. For the last five years she has been Matron of the Cray Valley Hospital, St. Mary Cray, Kent.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon.—Miss E. Musson has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Nottingham General Hospital, and has held the position of Sister in various departments at the same hospital, at the Throat Hospital, Golden Square, London, and at King Edward VII Hospital, Cardiff. She is a certified midwife.

SISTER.

The Infirmary, Selly Oak, Birmingham.—Miss E. M. James has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Fulham Infirmary, Hammersmith. Miss Margaret H. Griffith has also been appointed Sister in the same institution. She was trained at the Salford Union Infirmary.

Sherburn Hospital, near Durham.—Miss Alice L. Merrick has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Leeds Union Infirmary, and at the Monsall Fever Hospital Manchester, and has been Staff Nurse at Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow, Charge Nurse at the Middlesboro' Sanatorium, and Sister at the Borough Hospital, Darlington. She was also had experience of private nursing.

NIGHT SISTER.

West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital, King's Lynn.—Miss Violet M. Packer has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the West Ham General Hospital, and has been Staff Nurse at the Wisbech Hospital. She has also had experience of private nursing.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Staff Nurse Violet L. Batteson resigns her appointment, August 16th, 1913. To be Staff Nurses: Charlotte L. A. Robinson, October 21st, 1912; Margaret B. Smith, January 1st, 1913.

TERRITORIAL FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

Miss Ruth Marsh, Matron, resigns her appointment August 20th, 1913.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Sarah Footner is appointed to Grantham, as Senior Nurse; Miss Elizabeth Hadfield, to Dukinfield; Miss Evelyn Palmer, to Glossop; Miss Lucy Ratcliffe, to Widnes; and Miss Annie Street, to Woolton.

TWO INTERESTING APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Mabel Sleigh, formerly Sister Lucas at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has been appointed Examiner to the nurses at St. George's Hospital, London, and also Lecturer to London branches of the British Red Cross Society.

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