

and to arrange the wreaths sent by the medical and nursing staffs, the domestic staff, and the wounded soldiers in the Infirmary. Miss McAllister will be buried near her home at Ballymadarphy, Co. Down.

It is intended to place a brass tablet to her memory in St. Agatha's Church, Kingston-on-Thames, at which she was a regular attendant.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Miss McAllister's relatives, and to the Matron and nursing staff of the Kingston Infirmary in their grievous loss.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Stephen Cottage Hospital, Dufftown, N.B.—Miss Mary Wright has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Barnsley Infirmary, and is at present working under the Yorkshire County Council in connection with the West Riding scheme for combating tuberculosis.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

Ecclesall Bierlow Union.—Miss Jane Widdowson has been appointed Night Superintendent. She was trained at the Bagthorpe Infirmary, Nottingham, where for the last year she has held the position of Sister.

The Isolation Hospital and Sanatorium, Nottingham.—Miss Margaret Cocking has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at Bagthorpe Union Infirmary, Nottingham; and at the Hospital, Barnsley; and has been Ward Sister and Night Superintendent at the City Hospital, Park Hill, Liverpool.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Staff Nurse Miss Ann Lee resigns her appointment (August 13th).

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Margaret A. Hamilton is appointed to Cannock Chase; Miss Martha McKee, to Birmingham (Moseley Road); Miss Agnes J. Shepherd, to Hazel Grove.

TERRITORIAL FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

Miss Edith Mary Harris to be Matron, 1st Southern Gen. Hosp. (Aug. 4th).

RESIGNATIONS.

Miss Fox, Matron of the Prince of Wales' Hospital, Tottenham, has resigned the appointment, and is succeeded by Miss Bickerton, who has held the position of Theatre Sister in the same institution.

Miss E. J. Hurlston, Sister-in-Charge of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Muirfield House, Gullane, has resigned the appointment. Miss Hurlston has devotedly served the institution, and its little inmates during her tenure of office and will be greatly missed.

NURSING ECHOES.

The Insurance Act Committee of the British Medical Association, which at its meeting on August 5th discussed the question of nurses acting as sick visitors, decided to communicate with the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses, to suggest that it should use its influence to persuade other nursing associations to adopt the view already approved by it, that the functions of nurses and sick visitors are essentially different, and cannot be properly combined in one individual.

The Executive Council of the National Asylum Workers' Union have issued a manifesto in regard to the employment of female nurses in male asylum wards, in which they state they view with serious concern the adoption by many asylum authorities, with the approval of the Board of Control, of a policy which has for its object the partial substitution of female nurses for male attendants, in the care and charge of insane male patients in public asylums, and record their unanimous condemnation of a practice which will, they are convinced, if persisted in, prove physically and morally detrimental to the nurses and injurious to the patients, besides impairing the efficiency of internal asylum administration, and possibly prejudice the position of their male members now serving with the Colours. They firmly believe that the work is of a nature entirely unsuited for women to perform, involving degrading duties repellant to all the finer instincts of chaste womanhood, and they give warning that the substitution of the less effective control of female nurses over male patients for the essentially firm supervision of male attendants is likely to give rise to an insubordinate and mutinous spirit amongst the least tractable inmates that may gravely endanger the safety of both patients and staff. The Executive Council state that with the object of combating a pernicious and dangerous innovation, they are prepared to accord the fullest support to any protest made by female members of their Union.

All this sounds very alarming, but if we turn to the experiences of the asylums in Scotland, where women nurses are largely employed in the male wards, we find that the things feared by the National Asylum Workers' Union do not take place.

Nurse Fletcher, who had charge of the hospital connected with the Ilkley Grammar

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