

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Infectious Diseases Hospital, Yarnfield, near Stone, Staffs.—Miss Marie L. Thomas has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, E., and has been Sister at the Monsall Fever Hospital, Manchester; Matron of the Fever Hospital, Bury, Lancs.; Matron of the Fever Hospital, Luton; and Matron of the Borough Isolation Hospital, Plymouth.

Dunstable and District Hospital for Infectious Diseases.—Miss Winifred James has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Kettering and District Hospital, and been Staff Nurse at the Helmington Row Isolation Hospital, Matron of the Stanhope Hospital, District Nurse at Choppington, and School Nurse under the Luton Education Committee.

SISTER.

Tredegar Park Hospital, Tredegar, Monmouthshire.—Miss Agnes Francis has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at the Swansea General and Eye Hospital, and Queen Charlotte's Hospital, and is a certified midwife. For the past four years she has been a member of the Staff of the Registered Nurses' Society, and has won much esteem as a private nurse.

Township Infirmary, Leeds.—Miss Annie Oates has been appointed Sister. She was trained at this Infirmary and has since been Midwifery Nurse at the Maternity Hospital, Birmingham, and has done private nursing. She is a certified midwife. Misses Mary Savage and Mary Martin have been appointed Sisters. They were trained at the same Infirmary and have since been Staff Nurses. They hold certificates of invalid cookery.

King Edward VII Hospital for Children, Sheffield.—Miss Ethel Hickling has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Township Infirmary, Leeds, and holds the C.M.B. Certificate and certificate for invalid cookery.

Victoria Hospital, Keighley.—Misses Mercia Bowen and Grace Iredale have been appointed Sisters. They were trained at the Township Infirmary, Leeds, and hold certificates for invalid cookery.

QUEEN VICTORIA JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Annie Button is appointed to Somerset as third Assistant County Superintendent.

Miss Button received General training at Tottenham Hospital; Midwifery training at Brighton Maternity Hospital; and District training at the Salford Home, Manchester. She has since held several appointments under the Institute.

Miss Florence Wilkinson is appointed to Birmingham (Moseley Road), as Staff Nurse; Miss Mary C. Jones is appointed to Blackburn.

NURSING ECHOES.

Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, and Princess Henry of Battenberg attended the meeting of the Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute last week. The draft report was approved. Viscount Goschen and Captain Harold Boulton, C.V.O., were re-elected chairman and vice-chairman of the Council respectively, and members were elected to serve on the various committees during the ensuing year.

We have pleasure in publishing on the following page a portrait of Mrs. Bekenn, the new President of the Queen's Hospital Nurses' League, Birmingham. Mrs. Bekenn (*née* Davis) was trained at the Queen's Hospital, and after a year's experience on the private staff was appointed successively Medical, Surgical, and Theatre Sister, and after nine years' work, resigned on account of her approaching marriage.

She has maintained a keen interest in all that concerns the welfare of the nursing profession, and especially in its organization through State Registration.

The members of the Queen's Nurses' League have given proof of the confidence they feel in Mrs. Bekenn by electing her to succeed the founder of their League, the late Miss Maude Buckingham, in the office of President, and we feel sure she appreciates the honourable nature of the trust imposed upon her.

In view of the various new employments now open to women, and the many questions arising in connection therewith, the Executive Committee of the National Union of Women Workers have decided to call a Special Meeting of the National Council on April 14th, to consider this important matter. Nurses are too busy, however, to take a very active part in anything but work just now.

Mr. Fisher Unwin has just published the reminiscences of Canon James Adderley, "In Slums and Society," a work which is of special interest to those nurses engaged in social service.

The past year has been one of great anxiety and strain to all those supervising nursing departments, either as matrons of hospitals and infirmaries, or of nursing institutions. It has been most difficult to keep up a well-trained nursing staff, as the majority of such nurses have all longed for active service, and we are

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