

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Royal Infirmary, Oldham.—Miss Mary Mackintosh has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, where she has held the position of Assistant Matron.

Ogmore and Garw Isolation Hospital, Blackmill.—Miss Esther Phillips has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Italian Hospital, having charge of enteric and diphtheria wards, and has also held the position of Sister in the same institution, and at the City Hospital, Leeds.

Bootham Park Mental Hospital, York.—Miss Marie Christophersen has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Derby Borough Mental Hospital and the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

SISTER.

Royal Hamadryad Seamen's Hospital, Cardiff Docks.—Miss E. A. Roberts has been appointed Sister. She was trained at Bolton Infirmary and has been staff nurse at the Sailors' Hospital, Holyhead, for two years, and Night Sister at the Rhymey Cottage Hospital.

Red Cross Hospital, St. Moritz, Eccles.—Miss Boothroyd has been appointed Sister. She was trained at Rochdale Infirmary, and had subsequent experience at Leeds.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Harriett Buckley is appointed to Accrington; Miss Emma E. Cox to Swanley; Miss Harriette Fowkes to Worthing; Miss Helen Nixon to Woodlands; Miss Emma A. Pasfield to East London (Stepney); Miss Elizabeth Powell to Gillingham; Miss Gertrude A. Weston to Bushey.

NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The following appointments have been made through the N.U.T.N.:—

Cyngfeld V.A. Hospital, Shrewsbury.—Miss K. Johnson (Sister-in-charge).

Midsomer Norton V.A. Hospital.—Mrs. H. Rogers (Matron).

American Hospital, Highgate.—Miss D. Yarborough (Sister).

Norfolk War Hospital.—Miss E. Roberts (Sister).

Townleys Military Hospital.—Miss K. Davies (Sister).

THE PASSING BELL.

We regret to record the death, at the Birmingham No. 2 Military Hospital, of Miss Nora Dugan, second daughter of Mr. Matthew Dugan, Barmouth, Castlerock, who died, after a few days' illness, from pneumonia. She had only been three weeks in the hospital as a volunteer under the St. John Ambulance Association. The funeral took place at Coleraine and was largely attended, the members of the local branch of the V.A.D. attending in uniform.

NURSING ECHOES.

The Hon. Secretary of the Catholic Women's League Nurses' Guild wishes it to be understood that although the original scheme for a Nurses' Residential Club has not so far matured, the proposal has not been abandoned; it is merely in abeyance.

The first general meeting of the St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses' League, Rochester, is to be held at the hospital on St. Bartholomew's Day (August 24th), at 2.30. The meeting will be preceded by a short service in the hospital chapel. The Secretary of the College of Nursing will present a paper, and at four o'clock the meeting will resolve itself into a garden party. All former nurses of the hospital will be welcome.

Mr. Ernest A. Dench, of Brooklyn, N.Y., discusses in the *American Journal of Nursing* the effect of motion pictures on the insane. This is best summed up in the words of a famous asylum superintendent:—"It makes life comfortable, both for the afflicted and for those who have the care of them." Several institutions have proved the above statement by actual experience. In all cases comedy has had the most beneficial effect upon feeble-minded folks, who are apt to give way to brooding, so since their minds can be diverted to the merry side of life, much has been accomplished. Drama is not appreciated, for it seems too involved for the insane to understand; yet, on the other hand, educational subjects are followed with interest, and after the performance it is not unusual for patients to ask all sorts of questions pertaining to the same. The intelligence, however, has to be worked up on a gradual scale. First simple comedies are shown, the next step being the educational.

It is not long before the patients develop into motion picture enthusiasts. They anticipate the shows far in advance; watch the screen intently and applaud every picture. Not all patients are in the same condition; it has been found best to try the pictures with those least affected.

At the Central State Hospital of Lakeland, Ky., for instance, a motion picture entertainment is given in the large auditorium every Tuesday evening, when white patients constitute the audience. Coloured patients are regaled with a similar program each alternate Wednesday night. At the Eastern Oregon State Branch Hospital, performances are given twice weekly. The orchestra which accom-

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