

APPOINTMENTS.

SISTER.

Bethnal Green Military Hospital.—Miss I. K. C. Cochrane has been appointed Sister. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. She has been Sister at the Children's Hospital, Brisbane, and co-Matron of a Private Hospital in the same city.

CHIEF HEALTH INSPECTOR AND INSPECTOR OF MIDWIVES.

Devon County Council.—Miss L. M. Booker has been appointed Chief Health Inspector and Inspector of Midwives. Miss Booker has held the position of inspector of midwives under the Devon County Council for the last four years. There were 45 applicants for the post.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Mrs. Jessie A. Clarke is appointed to Lincs. C.N.A. as Assist. Supt. Mrs. Clarke received General Training at Aston Union Infirmary Birmingham, District Training at Cardiff, Midwifery Training at Cheltenham, and holds the C.M.B. certificate. She has held several appointments under the Institute and was also Health Visitor under Lindsey C.C.

Miss Miriam Booth is appointed to Leeds (Central), Armley Home; Miss Edith C. Doe, to Wedmore; Miss Janet Gibb, to Burneside; Miss Annie E. Jones to Torquay; Miss Katharine Mackay to Hammersmith; Miss Annie L. Thompson, to Dunmow; Miss Alberta Williams, to Kensington; Miss Edith J. Woodhouse, to Leeds (Central), Armley Home; Mrs. Jean D. Wright, to Arnold and Daybrook.

PRESENTATION.

Miss Marian S. Riddell, R.R.C., late Matron of the Chelsea Hospital for Women has been presented by the members of the Ladies' Committee with a handsome set of silver fittings for a dressing case, accompanied by a letter, signed by all the members, appreciative of Miss Riddell's work as Matron of the Hospital, and expressing the regret of the Committee at her resignation. Recognition of good work is always pleasant and Miss Riddell's at the Chelsea Hospital for Women was of a high order. The hospital was always her first consideration.

THE AMERICAN WOMEN'S HOSPITAL.

The American Women's Hospital for Officers, 98 and 99, Lancaster Gate, S.W., subscribed for by the American Women's War Relief Fund, was opened on Wednesday by the United States Ambassador and Mrs. Page. Miss Illingworth is Sister-in-Charge, with five fully-trained Sisters and eight Staff Nurses working under her. The hospital, which will be used for primary cases, contains 45 beds. The resident medical officer is Dr. E. H. Browne Carthew. The V.A.D. will supply the pantry staff.

NURSING ECHOES.

Parents in the past have been culpably neglectful in not teaching their daughters—especially those compelled to earn their own living—the elements of business, so that the majority of young women enter into industrial or professional life as units, concentrating their efforts on personal as apart from communal interests. Take private nurses. Once trained and certificated, many well-qualified young women glance down an unprofessional advertisement sheet, and often apply for work in institutions run by the laity or semi-trained persons, for which they have to pay a quite unnecessarily high percentage. They make no inquiry whatever as to the market value of their work. Others, with a very well-developed sense of personal self-interest, are seldom satisfied unless they get everything for nothing. Listen to the following colloquy:—

Superintendent: You wish to join a well-organized Co-operation?

Candidate: Yes.

Superintendent: Why?

Candidate: Oh! because it's a running concern, and I want to be sure of good work.

Superintendent: What do you mean by Co-operation?

Candidate: I suppose you have a number of doctors who apply here for nurses, and I should get my share of cases. I don't know any London doctors.

Superintendent: You mean you would individually benefit by the clientèle built up by the good work of your colleagues?

Candidate: Yes, if I was on my own I mightn't get enough work.

Superintendent: Do you not realise that co-operation means acting conjointly for the common interest?

Candidate: Is this a Socialist Society? If so, I would rather not join. I don't want to be mixed up with politics!

Exit candidate. Superintendent sighs!

Before the deluded people of this realm realised that the treacherous Hohenzollern had been for years preparing to crush the life out of it—and away with the swag—the Army Nursing Reserve and the Territorial Force Nursing Service were being organized. We always encouraged the members of the Society of Private Nurses, with which we are associated as Hon. Superintendent, to volunteer in time of peace for service with these patriotic Services in readiness for times of war. When war broke out in 1914, one quarter of these private nurses

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