

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Isolation Hospital and Sanatorium, Groesnynd, Conway.—Miss Phoebe Jones has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and in fever training in hospitals of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, and has held the position of Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and Grove Fever Hospital, Tooting, and at No. 2 Red Cross Hospital, Rouen. Miss P. Jones has been Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Carnarvon, since 1912, her services having been requisitioned in 1915 for work at Netley and Rouen by the British Red Cross Society.

Dalzell Auxiliary Red Cross Hospital, Motherwell Lanarkshire.—Miss Currall has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital, and has since done private work in London and Glasgow.

Day Nursery, Small Heath, Birmingham.—Miss Daisy Ansell has been appointed Matron. She was trained for three years at the Wolverhampton Union Infirmary, has done two years' district and maternity nursing at Plaistow, and had experience of infectious work at the Fever Hospital, Coventry. She has also held the position of Sister in the Children's Ward at the Gravesend Hospital, and at the Children's Clinic, Plaistow.

SISTER.

Charing Cross Hospital, W.C.—Miss Irene Haslegrave has been appointed Medical Sister. She was trained for four years at St. George's Hospital, where she has held the positions of obstetrical and theatre Sister, Assistant Night Superintendent, and Sister in the Separation Ward. At present she is in charge of Nerve Cases at the Empire Hospital, Vincent Square, W.C. She is a Certified Midwife.

Miss Denyer-Batey has been appointed Surgical Sister. She was trained at the New Infirmary, Farnham, Surrey, after which she had a year's experience of private nursing. She then had special experience at the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road, and the Mount Vernon Hospital, Hampstead, and for five years has held the position of Ward Sister at St. Mark's Hospital, City Road.

THE PASSING BELL.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Sister Helen Duncan, who for upwards of fifteen years has been a member of the Staff of the Registered Nurses' Society, 431, Oxford St., W. Sister Duncan was trained at the West London Hospital, Hammersmith. For the past five months Sister Duncan has been off duty, invalided, at her home Broadwater, Worthing, where she passed away on March 21st.

NURSING ECHOES.

The next meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland will be held, by invitation of the President, in the Nurses' Home, Charing Cross Hospital, Strand, W.C., on Friday, April 27th, at 4 p.m. There will be tea at 4.45 after the business meeting, and at 5 o'clock Mr. Eustace Miles will give an address on "Health, Economy and Food"—a subject which is sure to interest many Matrons at the present time.

We congratulate quite a number of hospitals which have received splendid legacies recently. Mr. Thomas Hellyar Foord has left magnificent gifts to Rochester. He bequeaths £10,000 to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester—he was the generous donor of £6,000 for the Nurses' Home, which he built and furnished in connection with that ancient foundation.

The Committee of the Trained Women Nurses' Friendly Society has again asked for information from the War Office concerning the questions of pensions and allowances for nurses invalidated out of the Army Nursing Reserves. At present apparently all that is secured to them is the 7s. 6d. a week provided through the Approved Society in which they are insured under the Insurance Act. This is a quite inadequate arrangement, and we are glad to learn that the question of nurses' pensions and grants are under consideration. It is a matter which should have been settled at the beginning of the war.

In the revised nursing staff scheme at the Eastern Hospital, Homerton, under the Metropolitan Asylums Board, adopted on May 2nd, 1914, provision was made for an additional day's leave each month. It was recognized that this extra leave would necessitate the employment of additional nurses, but owing to the inadequate staff accommodation at the Eastern Hospital, it has not been possible to engage more nurses, and consequently the extra leave has not been granted. The Hospitals Committee has now given approval to the annual leave of the nurses being increased for the remaining period of the war by twelve days, to be taken as and when convenient to the hospital administration. We feel sure this will be a very popular concession, and do much to conserve the strength of the staff.

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