

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Infectious Diseases Hospital, Abram-nr.-Wigan.—Mrs. L. Scott has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle, and has held the positions of Matron at the Harrogate and Knaresborough Fever Hospital, and at the Gravesend Borough Sanatorium.

NURSE MATRON.

Bartholomew Hospital, Goole.—Miss Edith Brown has been appointed Nurse Matron. She was trained at the Infirmary, Burton-on-Trent, and has had subsequent experience at the Sheffield Infirmary, and has been Matron of the Ashburton and Buckfastleigh Cottage Hospital.

MIDWIFE SISTER.

Charing Cross Hospital, Agar Street, W.C. 2.—Miss Ethel Maude Eaves has been appointed Midwife Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Preston, and at the Fulham Midwifery Training School, and has been Sister at the Clayton Hospital, Wakefield; Theatre Sister at the East Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich; Nurse-in-Charge of the St. Marylebone General Dispensary; and Matron of the Duchess of Marlborough's Maternity Hospital, Endsleigh Street, W.C.

SUPERINTENDENT NIGHT NURSE.

Hackney Union Infirmary, Homerton, E.9.—Miss Beatrice Mary Barford has been appointed Superintendent Night Nurse. She was trained in the same institution, where she has held the position of Sister.

Miss Edith Jones has been appointed to a similar position in the above institution. She was trained at the Edmonton Union Infirmary, and has held the position of ward and theatre Sister at the Highgate Infirmary, and has had experience of military nursing.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MILITARY NURSING SERVICE FOR INDIA.

The following promotions are notified by the India Office:—

SENIOR NURSING SISTER TO BE LADY SUPERINTENDENT.—Miss Mary Rose Truman.

NURSING SISTER TO BE SENIOR NURSING SISTER.—Miss Marion Domville Knapp, R.R.C.

The following lady has been appointed Nursing Sister:—Miss Winifrid May Smith (July 28th).

The following lady nurse has been permitted to resign the service.—Nursing Sister Miss Edith Hilda Winton.

PRESENTATIONS.

Nurse Beale of the Backworth Nursing Association has been presented with a well-filled purse subscribed for by the members on the occasion of her leaving the district. Nurse Ashmore of North Tyne has been appointed as her successor.

The Matron of the V.A.D. Hospital Nunthorpe has been presented with a silver tea service, subscribed for by members of the staff and patients, to mark the occasion of her recent marriage to Captain Baxter, R.A.M.C.

NURSING ECHOES.

Dr. W. H. Haimer, School Medical Officer under the London County Council, in the course of his report for the year 1916, issued this week, states that:—

There was at first great difficulty in retaining a sufficient staff of nurses, but this was largely met, so far as the Council's own nurses were concerned, when the Council decided, in February, 1915, that in the interests of the public health the staff must not be further depleted. Towards the end of 1916, it became clear that the position must be further safeguarded, and the Council, in February, 1917, on an urgent recommendation by the Committee concerned, decided to pay war wages to its permanent nurses, and to raise the rate of pay of the temporary nurses.

It is possible to see at a glance that the steady improvement of previous years in clothing and footwear and in cleanliness has been fully maintained during the present year, and that in regard to the nutrition of the children there has been no receding from the high-water mark reached last year. This fact is presumably attributable in some measure to improved economic conditions, but is no doubt largely due to the maintenance of the medical and cleansing work now carried on for some years past in the schools.

These splendid results, which show that none of the horrors of war have been allowed to affect the general condition of the children, or to interfere with the growth of that solicitous care for their welfare, which has distinguished recent years, are a matter for profound joy and satisfaction. They may well encourage us to face the future with complete confidence, for a community that can thus protect its children while putting forth the most prodigious martial efforts the world has ever seen, must be sound to the core.

The continued improvement in the condition of the children at medical inspections, as regards cleanliness, is a testimony to the success of the arduous work of the school nurses. Owing in part to war conditions, a very large increase indeed has taken place, this year, in the number of children brought to the cleansing stations.

The duties of the school nurses with regard to cleansing were steadily pursued throughout the year, but the absence on war duty of a large number of the more experienced nurses has

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