### APPOINTMENTS.

#### SISTER MATRON.

King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, S.E.5.—Miss Minnie Augusta Willcox, A.R.R.C. has been appointed Sister-Matron She was trained at King's College Hospital, from 1905 to 1908, and was subsequently Sister at the Royal Free Hospital for eighteen months. From 1910 to 1914 she was Matron of a Surgical Home in Manchester.

On the outbreak of war Miss Willcox was called up for duty as a member of the Territorial Force Nursing Service, and posted for duty as Sister at the 4th London General Hospital. In May, 1915, she went to Egypt and worked at No. 15 General Hospital, Alexandria. In October, 1915, Miss Willcox was appointed Acting Matron of the Sirdar-ieh Officers' Hospital, Ghezireh, Cairo. She returned to England in October, 1916, and was appointed Assistant Matron of the Ruskin Park Extension of the 4th London General Hospital, which post she still holds.

#### MATRON.

John Coupland Hospital, Gainsborough.—Miss Mary W. Dickson has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Durham County Hospital, where she has held the positions of Night Sister, Ward Sister, Theatre Sister, and for two years Assistant Matron. For the past year, owing to the Matron having been granted leave of absence, she has acted as Matron.

# ASSISTANT MATRON.

Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.—Miss Charlotte D. Briscoe has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and the General Infirmary, Bolton, and has been Sister at the City Hospital, Manchester, the Royal Sea Bathing Hospital, Margate, and the 5th Southern General Hospital, Southsea. She has also been Sister and Night Superintendent at the Worcester General Infirmary, and Assistant Superintendent of the North Riding Nursing Association.

The Manor (County of London) War Hospital, Epsom, Surrey.—Miss Alice Hayes has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the South Manchester Hospital, and has been Home Sister and Assistant Matron at St. James' Infirmary, Balham, S.W., and has been Ward Sister at the Highfield Infirmary, Liverpool, Night Superintendent at the Brighton Infirmary, and Ward Sister at South Manchester Hospital.

Blackburn and East Lancashire Royal Infirmary.— Miss Olive Clemence has been appointed Assistant Matron. She has previously held the position of Night Sister in the same institution.

### NIGHT SISTER.

County Hospital, Taunton. — Miss Norah Portnall has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., and has held the position of Sister at the Norfolk War Hospital at Thorpe, near Norwich.

# NURSING ECHOES.

The Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's have consented to hold a service in St. Paul's Cathedral on April 10th, at 2.30 p.m., as a memorial to the nurses who have fallen in the war, when the sermon will be preached by the Ven. E. E. Holmes, Archdeacon of London and Canon in Residence. Queen Alexandra has expressed her wish to be present. Space will be reserved in the Cathedral for nurses, as well as for relatives and friends of those whom the service commemorates. There could not be a more sympathetic preacher than the Archdeacon of London, who has a large acquaintance among members of the nursing profession. Inquiries regarding the service should be addressed to the Rev. A. Lombardini, Church of St. Elizabeth, Marloes Road, Kensington,

An interesting vacancy, particulars of which are announced in our advertisement columns, is that for a Matron for St. Chad's Hospital, Birmingham, a private hospital of 100 beds. The hospital has a resident medical officer, and the appointment is an attractive one.

The Annual Report of the Nurses' Co-operation, 22, Langham Street, W., proves that 1917 has been a thoroughly successful year for the Society. The gross receipts from patients amounted to £52,909 11s. 3d., of which sum £49,612 11s. 2d. was paid to the nurses; the income of the Society derived from the commission on fees amounted to £3,297 os. 1d., and to this must be added £48 15s. 5d., thus making a total income for working expenses of £3,345 15s. 6d., an excess of income over expenditure of £809 15s. 1od.

There are 465 fully trained nurses on the general staff, 32 asylum trained nurses for mental patients, and 27 nurses eligible for election working on probation for six months.

The Co-operation has raised its fees from  $\pounds^2$  2s. to  $\pounds^2$  12s. 6d. for general cases. Mental, alcohol and drugs, nerve and massage, and infectious diseases are charged at the rate of  $\pounds_3$  3s. a week.

Thirty-five Sisters have resigned during the year, of whom nine resigned on marriage; and the deaths of two Sisters are recorded with record.

During the last year one Military Hospital in England was entirely staffed by the Cooperation nurses, for which service, we believe,  $\pounds_2$  2s. a week were paid.

The Committee are pleased to report that the Royal Red Cross has been awarded to Sisters

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