

## APPOINTMENTS.

**MATRONS.**

**West Cornwall Infirmary, Penzance.**—Miss Helen M. Lapham has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Bradford; and has since been Sister at the Royal Eye and Ear Hospital, Bradford; and has also been Sister, Night Superintendent and Holiday Assistant Matron at the York County Hospital.

**Wilderness Military Hospital, Sevenoaks.**—Miss Amy Phipps, A.R.S.I., has been appointed Matron. Miss Phipps was trained at St. George's Infirmary, London, E., graduating there in December, 1911, and also holds the certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute. She has since been staff nurse at the Hostel, Clapham Common; Charge Sister at St. George's Infirmary, E.; Night Superintendent at Wilderness Hospital; and Theatre Sister at the Emergency War Hospital, Arc-en-Barrois, France. In connection with the latter, Miss Phipps has been presented with the silver medal of the Anglo-French nursing service, for 2½ years' conspicuous work.

**ASSISTANT MATRON AND HOME SISTER.**

**St. James's Infirmary, Ouseley Road, Balham S.W.**—Miss Muriel Dams has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained at Charing Cross Hospital, where she has held the position of Ward Sister for 6 years.

**SISTERS.**

**Essex County Hospital, Colchester.**—Miss M. Bailey has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Worcester General Hospital; has been Sister at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Monmouthshire; and Sister at the Stratford-on-Avon General and Auxiliary Military Hospital.

**St. James's Infirmary, Ouseley Road, Balham, S.W.**—Miss Bertha Thornhill has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at the Wolverhampton Infirmary, and has held the position of Sister at the Shadlow Infirmary, Day and Night Sister at Coventry Infirmary, and Ward Sister at the Manchester Poor Law Hospitals.

Miss Katharine Grace has also been appointed Sister in the same institution. She was trained at the West Derby Union Infirmary, where she subsequently held the position of Sister. She has also been Sister at the Hope Hospital, Manchester.

**General Hospital, Chiswick, W. 4.**—Miss Frances Greenland has been appointed Theatre Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield, and has been Sister at Clayton Court Hospital, East Lyss, Hants.

**NIGHT SISTER.**

**North Lonsdale Hospital, Barrow-in-Furness.**—Miss H. E. Macdonald has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the North Lonsdale Hospital, and has been in charge of the X-Ray and V.D. Department.

**County and City Royal Infirmary, Perth.**—Miss Emily Godfrey has been appointed night sister. She was trained at the County Hospital, York, where she has been sister.

## NURSING ECHOES.

The Editor completes, on the 1st of April this year, forty years of professional work, sixteen of which were passed in active nursing and superintendence, and twenty-six in furthering the Higher Education and State Organization of Nurses, and as Hon. Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, through which she has come into touch for a quarter of a century with all that is best throughout the Nursing World.

In 1887, when the British Nurses' Association was inaugurated, it was the pioneer Society of Nurses for mutual help and protection through a system of Registration—to be followed in 1893 by professional co-operation of American Nurses. Then came the founding of the National Councils of Nurses in the Dominions beyond the seas, and in many countries, affiliated to the great International Council of Nurses, which before the war gathered triennially in Conference nurses from all over the world.

Forty years sounds a much longer period of time than it appears to those who have lived through it, especially when every hour has been occupied with work of absorbing interest, and when, in spite of opposition to one's ideals, such immense progress has been made towards attaining them. And we must remember that if our own State Registration Bill still hangs in the balance, fifty-three Bills for the Registration of Nurses have been passed since 1901 by more enlightened Governments than our own, and that their promoters owe much to the inspiration our work and ideals have given them. Personally we feel pride and satisfaction as each Bill passes into law, that the work we began has found favour in so many parts of the world. It has been splendid to have been given health and strength, energy and spirit, to keep the cause alive for all these years, and to realise that victory is at hand.

Dealing with the necessity for a Ministry of Health at the National Health Conference at the Central Hall, Westminster, last week, Lord Rhondda said he regarded a Bill as an urgent measure, as there was evidence that something like 1,000 children's lives were lost each week through the maladministration of the Health Services.

Lord Rhondda expressed the hope that the Bill would go before Parliament as an agreed measure. They wanted it to go through this session, and one of the functions of the Ministry would be to see that every town had a maternity centre and a clinic, and that the

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