

NURSING ECHOES.

A circular letter has been addressed to the Clerks of Borough Councils by the Fever Nurses' Association in the hope of securing a more uniform scale in the salaries paid to Nurses in Fever Hospitals throughout the country, and of meeting the ever-increasing difficulty in obtaining suitable women to train as Fever Nurses. The Association recommends the following minimum scale of salaries:—(1) *Probationers and Junior Assistant Nurses*.—First year, £20; second year, £24. (2) *Staff Nurses*.—£32 to £40 per annum. (3) *Sisters*.—(a) General Trained and holding a recognized Fever Certificate, £46, rising by increments of £2 per annum to £50; (b) General Trained but not holding a Fever Certificate, £44, rising by increments of £2 to £50. (Sisters under heading (b) who obtain the Fever Certificates during the first or second year to receive an increment of £4 at the end of such year, thus enabling them to obtain £50 in two instead of three years.) (4) *Night Superintendent*.—£60 per annum. (5) *Assistant Matron*.—£70 to £100 per annum. (6) *Matron*.—£100 to £200 per annum, according to the number of beds.

The Committee of the Fever Nurses' Association feel that these salaries are extremely moderate, and, as regards the Sisters and higher officials, hardly represent an adequate remuneration for the strenuous life and training which every nurse must face.

There is an interesting article in this month's *The Nineteenth Century* on "Nurse Cavell: The Story of her Trial, told by one of the Condemned," by G. Hostelet, Doctor of Science, Brussels.

At a Meeting of the Governors of Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin, held on 25th ult., it was decided that for the future there would be a considerable reduction in the number of hours a nurse would remain on duty in the wards. It was further decided that the salaries of probationers, staff nurses, and Sisters would be substantially increased, and the entrance fee abolished, and that the Nurses will not be bound to the service of the Hospital after obtaining their certificate of three years' training.

We congratulate the Governors of this charming old hospital, and the Matron, Miss Alice Reeves, on this progressive policy, which is sure to result in benefit to the charity.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Sanitary Hospital, Boscombe, Bournemouth.—Miss Wilcox has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Fulham Infirmary and the Parkhill Hospital, Liverpool. She has been Night Superintendent at the City Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Tuberculosis Health Visitor, County Borough of Halifax, Matron of the Runcorn Hospital and the Hospital and Sanatorium, Yarnfield; on active duty with the Scottish Women's Hospitals, Miss Wilcox worked in Russia, Roumania and France, and was awarded the Military Medal of St. George of Russia, in 1917.

Maesteg and District Cottage Hospital.—Miss F. Hollister has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Cardiff Infirmary; has been Matron in the following hospitals—Tredegar Park Hospital, Miners' and Women's Hospital (Penarth), St. Leonard's Hospital (Sudbury), Aux. (Caerphilly, S. Wales); and has been a member of Q.A.I.M.N.S.

Tolworth Isolation Hospital, Tolworth.—Miss Jane M. Seddon has been appointed Matron. She was trained for three years at the Tolworth Isolation Hospital in fever nursing, and afterwards obtained a four-years' certificate in general nursing at the General Hospital, Birmingham. In April, 1914, she returned to Tolworth as Night Sister, but was mobilised on the outbreak of war and has since been attached to the First General Hospital, Edgbaston, for the last thirteen months as Home Sister.

SISTER.

Maesteg and District Cottage Hospital.—Miss E. Hore has been appointed Sister. She was trained at Wirral Infirmary, Bebington, Birmingham; and has been Sister at the Military Hospital, Torquay, on Red Cross service.

Children's Hospital, Western Bank, Sheffield.—Miss Edith E. Bunbridge has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at the City Hospital, Seacroft, Leeds, and the Royal Hospital, Sheffield.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

Ecclesall Bierlow Union.—Miss Lucy Ellen Evans has been appointed Night Superintendent. She was trained at St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, and has been Health Visitor under the Public Health Department, Luton, and Staff.

WEDDING BELLS.

Many friends will wish to offer their good wishes for her future happiness to Miss Alexander, Matron of the Tolworth Isolation Hospital (under the Tolworth Joint Hospital Board), on the occasion of her approaching marriage.

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