

IRISH NURSES' HOSTEL.

The seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the Irish Nurses' Co-operative Hostel Co., Ltd., held at the Registered Office of the Company, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, on April 7th, proves that nurses can manage their own affairs with satisfaction to themselves and profit to the shareholders. The net profit on the year's working, including dividends and interest, and deducting Income Tax, is £149 14s. 8d., which, with the balance from the last account, made £104 10s. 5d. available for allocation. Out of this the Directors recommended the payment of a dividend on share capital of 5 per cent., free of Income Tax; they also paid a bonus to nurses and workers at the rate of 1s. 6d. per month from February 1st, 1916, to February 1st, 1919, amounting to £117 17s. 6d. Sixty-six nurses have been employed at different times in the year; eleven resigned to take other posts, and three on their marriage. Seventeen new nurses joined the staff, and all were well employed. We congratulate the Board of Directors and their very capable Secretary, Miss A. Carson-Rae, on the success attained.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Matrons' Council will be held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Friday, April 25th, 1919, at 3.15 p.m. After the routine business Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will speak on "The Progress of the Nurses' Registration Bill (Central Committee) in the House of Commons."

Tea will be served at Selfridge's Cafeteria, which is next door.

PRESENTATION.

Miss Goodwill, who has been Acting Matron at the Cottage Hospital at Whitby for the past three years, has been presented by the Ladies' Committee and several friends with a silver tea set in recognition of her services. Miss Goodwill was on the staff of the North Riding Infirmary at Middlesbrough for several years.

PENILESS ARMY NURSES.

Major McLean recently asked the Secretary of State for War, if he was aware that nurses frequently arrived in England on demobilisation penniless, and if steps would be taken to prevent this happening in future?

The reply was that steps had been taken to prevent this happening.

APPOINTMENTS.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

West Kent General Hospital, Maidstone.—Miss Winifred M. Furze has been appointed Lady Superintendent. She was trained at University College Hospital, London, where she holds the position of Assistant-Matron.

MATRON.

Princess Alice Memorial Hospital, Eastbourne.—Miss C. Innes Griffin has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Westminster Hospital, London. She was then attached for seven years to Q.A.I.M.N.S. for the last three years at the Military Hospital, Eastbourne, for two years as Nursing Sister, and for one year as Matron. Miss Griffin resigned from the Army Service on April 1, 1919.

The Lady Home Cottage Hospital, Douglas, Lanarkshire.—Miss Margaret M. Hewetson has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire General Hospital, and was temporary Charge Sister in the training school, private nurse for four years, and has for three-and-a-half years been Nursing Sister at the 1st S. General Hospital, Edgbaston, Birmingham. Miss Hewetson holds the certificate of the Central Midwives Board.

York Tuberculosis Hospital, Fairfield House, near York.—Miss Edith Newsome has been appointed Matron. She received her training in general nursing at the Portsmouth Infirmary, and in midwifery at University College Hospital, London. She has held the positions of pupil Matron at Lord Kinnaird's Hostel, Westbourne Park; Holiday Sister at Dudley Union Infirmary; Charge Nurse L.C.C. Special Schools, East Dulwich, S.E.; Health Visitor and Inspector of Midwives for the County of Warwick; Lecturer on Nursing, Hygiene, and Infant Care, Gloucestershire School of Domestic Science; Superintendent Nurse, Worcester Union Infirmary; and Matron of the New Hall Hey Auxiliary Military Hospital, Rawtenstall. She is a certified midwife, and holds certificates in hygiene.

NURSE MATRON.

Homoeopathic Hospital, Tunbridge Wells.—Miss Kathleen Welch Buckingham has been appointed Nurse Matron. She was trained at the London Hospital, and has been Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Halstead, Essex, and has had experience of war nursing as a member of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

SISTER.

Isolation Hospital, Hornsea.—Miss I. Smythe has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Tonbridge Infirmary, and has held the position of Sister under the Metropolitan Asylums Board at the Southern and Brook Hospitals.

Rochdale Municipal Maternity and Infants' Hospital.—Miss Florence Clifton has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Hackney Infirmary, London; and has been engaged in military nursing since 1914 in Belgium, France, Serbia, Russia, where she had experience in the nursing of cases of small pox, a disease rarely seen by nurses in this country, and in the Army Nursing Service at Stoke War Hospital since 1917.

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