

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**Harold Court Sanatorium, Harold Wood.**—Miss H. E. Carstairs has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Middlesex Hospital and at Carson's College, and has been Sister at Lord Mayor Treloar's Hospital, Alton, and at the Yeovil General Hospital, Secretary and Dispenser at the Kendray Hospital, Barnsley, Sister at the St. John's Ambulance Association Hospital, Etaples, and Matron at the Borough Hospital, Kingsthorpe.

**Merthyr General Hospital, Merthyr Tydvil.**—Miss Agnes Francis has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Swansea General and Eye Hospital, Swansea, and in midwifery at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, after which she did private nursing in connection with the Registered Nurses Society, 431, Oxford Street, London, for 4½ years. She was then appointed Sister of female surgical and gynaecological wards at her training school, a position she has held up to the present time. She is a certified midwife.

### ASSISTANT COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

**Surrey County Nursing Association, Guildford.**—Miss Margaret M. Cornock has been appointed Assistant County Superintendent. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary at Gloucester, and Gloucestershire Eye Institution, and holds certificates of the Central Midwives Board and the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses. She has worked for three years in connection with the Plaistow Maternity Charity and four years at the Scuola Convitto Regina Elena in Rome as Staff Nurse, Sister and Assistant Matron, and has subsequently held the post of Acting Matron at the General Hospital, Stratford-on-Avon, and Senior Sister at the Royal Mineral Water Hospital at Bath, and recently on the Orthopaedic Staff of the British Red Cross Hospital at Netley.

### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MILITARY NURSING SERVICE FOR INDIA.

The following ladies have been appointed Nursing Sisters in Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India: Miss Valerie Rowe, Miss B. F. G. Salmon, Miss E. M. Corry, Miss H. H. Anderson.

### BEQUESTS TO MEMBERS OF THE NURSING PROFESSION.

Mrs. Mary Lyman Burns, a sister of Mr. Pierpont Morgan, who died on July 20th, bequeathed £100 to the Matron of Guy's Hospital, and an annuity of £100 to Nurse Moore.

### HARD LABOUR FOR UNLAWFUL WEARING OF Q.M.A.A.C. UNIFORM.

Barbara Peart, aged twenty, who had been previously convicted as a prostitute, was sentenced last week at Tower Bridge Police Court to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour for unlawfully wearing the uniform of Q.M.A.A.C. in Waterloo Road.

Had it been the uniform of the trained nurse this woman could have worn it with impunity.

### THE PASSING BELL.

We greatly regret to record the death by drowning of Miss Olive Jordan, a nurse of East Finchley. Miss Jordan was carried away by the tide while bathing at Porthcawl.

## NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

The subjoined circular has been issued on behalf of the Ministry of Health for England and Wales, the Scottish Board of Health, and the Irish Insurance Commissioners. It is important that nurses should understand the alteration it announces and their present position in regard to Health Insurance:

### INCREASE OF REMUNERATION LIMIT FOR NON-MANUAL EMPLOYMENTS.

1. The attention of Approved Societies is drawn to the provisions, in so far as these affect the work of societies, of the National Health Insurance Act, 1919, which has now received the Royal Assent.

2. The effect of this measure is to raise the limit of the rate of remuneration for the purpose of compulsory insurance in the case of employment otherwise than by way of manual labour from £160 to £250 a year, so that in future all persons so employed who are remunerated at a rate not exceeding £250 a year must be insured unless they come under the "exceptions" specified in the Acts, or claim exemption as set forth in paragraph 6 below, or, where qualified, in accordance with Section 2 of the Act of 1911.

3. Although the Act received the Royal Assent on August 15th, 1919, it should be observed that under Section 2 (2) it is provided that it shall be deemed to have come into operation on June 30th, 1919. No liability is, however, imposed on any person in respect of the payment of contributions for the period between that date and the date of the passing of the Act.

4. It results from this provision that no contributions in respect of the period between June 30th and August 15th, 1919, will properly be recoverable in the case of certain persons who are nevertheless to be deemed to have been in insurance during the period. In consequence, those insured persons whose free period of insurance had not expired on or before June 30th, 1919 (*i.e.*, in general those for whom contributions were paid up to June 30th, 1918, or later) will have their insurance treated as continuous if they are again immediately brought into compulsory insurance through this raising of the remuneration limit, although the period in respect of which no contributions have been paid may slightly exceed a year. These members will have the usual right to pay the appropriate arrears penalty in respect of any period for which ordinary contributions were not paid. Arrears' notices for the contribution year ending June 29th, 1919, should accordingly be issued to all members of societies who had ceased insurable employment owing to their rate of remuneration exceeding £160 per annum, and whose "free year" had not expired before June 30th, 1919, and where necessary such members should be informed by the issue of a printed slip or otherwise that if they are brought back into insurance by the provisions of the National Health Insurance Act, 1919, their

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