

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON

Brighton, Royal Alexandra Hospital for Sick Children.—Miss Dorothy Haines has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Poplar Hospital for Accidents, and has since been Ward Sister at the Manchester Children's Hospital, Pendlebury, Assistant Matron at Liverpool Infirmary for Children, and Matron of Derbyshire Hospital for Children.

Nottingham and Midland Eye Hospital.—Miss F. M. Drakes has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Leeds General Infirmary, and has since been Sister at Scarborough Hospital, at the Star and Garter Home, Richmond, and at the Nottingham and Midland Eye Infirmary.

Maternity Home and Childs' Welfare Hospital Middlesborough.—Miss Alice Guest has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Bagthorpe Infirmary, Nottingham, and has been Matron of Birkenhead Infirmary, Tranmore, Cheshire.

Councils Tuberculosis Colony, Cotchill, nr. Carlisle.—Miss Elizabeth Nicholls has been appointed Matron: She was trained at the Union Hospital, Sheffield, and has been Inspector of Midwives, and Health Visitor, Leicestershire. Tuberculosis Visitor, Berkshire, Matron, Military Families Hospital, Devonport and Malta. Matron, Ministry of Pensions Convalescent Home, Herne Bay, and Matron, Tuberculosis Colony; Walkington, near Hull.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Beckett Street Infirmary, Leeds.—Miss Edith M. Shelton has been appointed Third Assistant Matron to act as Massage Sister. She was trained at the Edmonton Infirmary, where she was Ward Sister. She has also been Maternity Sister and Home Sister of West Bromwich Infirmary, Night Superintendent and Assistant Matron at the New Zealand Military Hospital, Walton-on-Thames, and on Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in England, France and Germany. Miss Shelton also holds the certificate of the Central Midwives' Board, and certificate for Massage, I.S.T.M.

HOME SISTER.

General Hospital, Nottingham.—Miss Margaret Hooper has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained at Bolton General Infirmary, and has been Staff Nurse at the Women and Children's Hospital, Leeds. Out-patient, X-ray and ward Sister, at York County Hospital. Home and Night Sister, Royal Berkshire Hospital, and Assistant Matron, Royal Victoria Hospital, South Hants.

NURSE MATRON.

Calver, Cliff College Training Home.—Miss Ella Thorne has been appointed Nurse-Matron. She was trained at the North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple, has been staff nurse at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, and has had experience in private nursing.

SISTER.

City of Westminster Union Infirmary, Hendon.—Miss Edith Worden has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the same institution, and has held the position of Sister at Endsleigh Palace Hospital for Officers.

Edinburgh, Deaconess's Hospital.—Miss Alice Scruton has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Prince of Wales Hospital, Tottenham, and at the Hospital for Women, Soho Square, and has also been Theatre and Ward Sister at Bolingbroke Hospital, Wandsworth Common.

HEALTH VISITOR.

Keighley, Borough of.—Mrs. May Murray has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at Lambeth Infirmary, and has experience in District Nursing. She holds the certificate of the Central Midwives Board, and of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

THE KEMP PROSSER SCHEME AT ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE SKIN.

We have had the pleasure of going over the wards of the above hospital which have recently been redecorated on the Kemp Prosser Scheme, and we commend the enterprise of this special hospital in striking out in this direction; for whatever may be our views as to the influence of the various colours and, whether those views are founded on Goethe's theory or whether we believe that it is the colour itself and not its complementary which influences the patient, there is not the slightest doubt that a study of the influence of colour should enter far more into medical therapeutics than is at present the case. It would be interesting to know how far the King's Fund lends its support to the hospitals which are making a feature of this study for there is scope for a tremendous amount of research, and practically the data which we have to work upon at present is almost nil.

In his blue ceilings, Mr. Prosser seems to aim at giving a feeling of space and wide expanse, while the greens, yellows and pinks of the walls are probably intended to call up something of the revivifying springtime. The study of colour effects should commend itself to nurses, and it would be worth while for anyone interested in it to ask permission to see the wards of St. John's Hospital, where, to judge from the great courtesy we received from those in authority, their request would at least receive sympathetic consideration.

ARMY COUNCIL THANKS JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.

Now that so many hospitals formerly under the Joint War Committee are closing and the Staffs being dispersed, the Army Council has conveyed to the Joint War Committee their appreciation of the inestimable service rendered by the British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

HOT BOTTLES.

When chill October comes in we begin to think of those inexpressibly comforting articles, hot water bottles. Who can live through the winter without one? The days of warming pans, excepting as ornaments, have departed, and the india-rubber hot-water bottle has taken their place. It is time to test last year's treasure, and if found defective to pay a visit to the Surgical Manufacturing Company, 83-85, Mortimer Street, W. 1, and replace it, before they are eagerly bought up at winter prices.

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