

APPOINTMENTS.**MATRON.**

Royal Infirmary and Eye Institution, Gloucester.—Miss Margaret A. Ripley has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, where she was subsequently Sister. She has had experience of active service in France, at casualty clearing stations, on hospital trains, and barges, and has been Matron of a hospital for wounded officers at Swansea.

Kent County Ophthalmic Hospital, Maidstone.—Miss Dorothy May Milton has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, and has held the position of Theatre Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, and Housekeeper at the General Infirmary, Leeds. She has also served as a member of the Royal Naval Nursing Service.

Devonshire Road Crèche, Mitcham.—Miss E. S. M. Wellman has been appointed Matron. She began her nursing career at the Hospital for Women, Soho Square, and afterwards was Probationer, Staff Nurse, and Sister at the London Hospital, Superintendent Sister at the Children's Hospital, Carshalton, Tuberculosis and School Nurse under the Surrey Educational Committee, Temporary Night Superintendent at King Edward's Hospital, Ealing, and is at present Assistant Matron at the Royal National Orthopedic Hospital.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

County Mental Hospital, Isle of Wight.—Miss Elizabeth J. Thompson has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at Prestwich County Asylum, Lancs., and has been Assistant Matron at Palmerston House, Co. Dublin, and at Hendon Grove Private Asylum, and has recently done maternity work in London. She holds the certificates of the Prestwich Asylum Mental Hospital and the Sanitary Institute, and is a certified midwife.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Gateshead Workhouse.—Miss Minnie Hall has been appointed Night Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at the Gateshead Union Infirmary, where she was subsequently Staff Nurse. She afterwards worked in War Hospitals.

NIGHT SISTER.

Union Hospital, Stoke-upon-Trent.—Miss Eva Lillian Cannell has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and has been District Nurse at Bulwell, Nottingham, and Staff Nurse at the Nightingale Home, Derby.

HOME SISTER.

Union Hospital, Stoke-upon-Trent.—Miss Frances C. Kelsey has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained at the North Bierly Union Hospital, Clayton, Bradford, and has been Nurse at the Colne College Hospital, and District Nurse at Leeds, and done military nursing in Wales, France, Belgium, and Germany during the last four years.

SCHOOL NURSE.

Education Committee, Walthamstow.—Miss Marie Innes-Brown has been appointed School Nurse. She was trained at the David Lewis Northern Hospital, Liverpool, where she subsequently acted as Sister of the Neurological Ward. She has also had experience of infectious nursing.

HEALTH VISITOR.

Borough of Wolverhampton.—Miss H. V. Goodwin has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at the Infirmary, Stoke-upon-Trent, and has held the position of Sister there. She has also had experience of war work, and is a certified midwife.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

Her Majesty Queen Alexandra has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of the following to be Queen's Nurses to date October 1st, 1919:—Jessie C. Bath, Fanny Mason, Dorothy F. Goodwin, Ruby A. L. Kirkaldie, M. S. A. Hind, Dorothy Mackworth, Gertrude M. Elworthy, Isabella M. Lax, Mary Taylor, Miriam Pritchard, Gwen G. Williams, Louisa G. Sweetman, Edith R. Simpson, Emily Toy, Annie F. Maxwell, Ethel Gibson, Ellen L. Lewis, Lillias G. Moore, Milly Jepson, Gladys M. Poskitt, Myrah Rawson, Margaret E. Hardstaffe, Florence Prestt, Edith C. Crowden, Elizabeth Hassell, Catherine Moses, Charlotte Jeffreys, Jennie Evans, Margaret A. Morgan, Christina B. Sinnott, Ceren H. Williams, Marion M. Ballantyne, Josephine McCrystal, Edith K. M. MacKean, Mary M. Marr, Nellie Scrivens, Ellen Fitzpatrick, Sarah Green, Rebecca McKelvey, Brigid McLaughlin, Agnes Maloney.

DR. SALEEBY ON THE SMOKE NUISANCE.

Speaking before the Eighth Annual Conference of the British Commercial Gas Association, in London, on October 28th, Dr. C. W. Saleeby, F.R.S. (Edin.), said that much was said about pure water but little about pure air. That was characteristic of this country because we had been brought up in the smoke and were satisfied with it.

We thought of coal as a fuel, but a chemist would tell us that coal is a treasure house of a thousand valuable things, and that to burn it is barbaric folly. One could imagine a barbarian coming along and seeing the British Museum with all its treasures and being ignorant enough to say: "Here is something that will burn; let us make a fire." "To burn crude coal and destroy thereby its latent treasures is," said Dr. Saleeby, "just as short-sighted and criminal as to burn any other repository of irreplaceable wealth."

We should extract from coal the dyes, and drugs and other valuable properties which it contains and burn the residue as fuel. He advocated the increased use of gas, the spirit of coal, in place of crude coal for all domestic and industrial purposes, and urged that this question should be fully considered in dealing with the projected housing schemes.

AN OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE MISSED.

Many nurses who have depended on Messrs. Scott, of 1, Old Bond Street, Piccadilly, W.1. for their uniform hats will be glad to know that all the felt autumn and winter hats are now being sold at a reduction of 4s. in the £, until the whole are cleared. This is an opportunity not to be missed, and members of the British Red Cross Society, Territorial Force Nursing Service, the St. John's Ambulance V.A.D., and others, will, no doubt, gladly avail themselves of it. Loose ribbons and bows attached can be supplied at 2s., and badges at 1s. 6d. There is no need to emphasize the quality of the goods supplied by this well-known firm.

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