

APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Margaret White, Superintendent of the Scottish Branch of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute, has been appointed a member of the Council of the Highlands and Islands Association.

MATRON.

Chelsea Hospital for Women, Arthur Street, Chelsea.—Miss Sarah A. Stevenson, R.R.C. has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield, and has been Sister, Night Superintendent, and Housekeeper in the same institution, Matron of the Hartlepoons Hospital, and Matron of the Third Northern General Hospital.

Herefordshire General Hospital.—Miss A. C. Bell has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, and has been Assistant Matron at the General Hospital, Nottingham.

Buchanan Hospital, St. Leonards-on-Sea.—Miss F. M. Smith, R.R.C., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, and has been Sister and Night Superintendent at that hospital; Matron, Memorial Hospital, Almondsbury; and Matron, 2nd Southern General Hospital, Southmead, Bristol.

Falkirk Infirmary.—Miss Susan McIntosh has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, and had further experience at the Longmore Hospital for Incurables, Edinburgh. She has been Sister-in-Charge of the Officers' Wards in No. 31 General Hospital, Port Said, Matron of a Hospital Ship, and Assistant Matron in No. 62 General Hospital, Bordighera, Italy.

Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Pelsall Hall, Walsall.—Miss V. N. Spencer Jones has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the St. Marylebone Infirmary, and has been Assistant Matron and Home Sister under the Manchester Guardians, Matron at the Chester War Hospital, and Temporary Deputy Matron at the Borough Tuberculosis Hospital, Stockport.

Udal Forre Sanatorium, Yelverton.—Miss Edith J. Hobson has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Brompton Chest Hospital, and has been Deputy Matron at the Benenden Sanatorium, and has held positions of responsibility in Military hospitals at home and abroad.

SISTER.

Tuberculosis Hospital, Welford Road, Northampton.—Miss Millie Cardnell, A.R.R.C. has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Prince of Wales' General Hospital, Tottenham, and has held the position of Sister at the Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, and has been Night Sister at the Manton Grange Hospital, London, Sister at the Edmonton Military Hospital, and Matron at the Southgate Auxiliary Hospital, Palmer's Green. She has also had experience of district and private nursing.

Miss A. Burras has been appointed Sister in the same institution. She was trained at the Carlisle and Cumberland Infirmary and the Plaistow Fever Hospital, and has been Staff Nurse at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Sister, Night Superintendent, and Home Sister at the Baguley Sanatorium, Cheshire. She has also had experience of private nursing.

CHARGE NURSE.

York City and District Infirmary.—Miss Elizabeth A. Elliott has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at the Sculcoates Infirmary, Hull, and has been Charge Nurse at the East Poorhouse and Hospital,

Dundee, the Roose Auxiliary Military Hospital, and the Howbeck Infirmary, West Hartlepool.

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Miss Gertrude M. Thompson is appointed to Nelson, as Senior Nurse; Miss Elsie W. Butler, to Bognor; Miss Helen L. M. Hall, to Wisbech; Miss Kate Irwin, to Stockport; Miss Louisa F. Parsonage, to Bexhill; Miss Lottie Macpherson to Tenbury; Miss Blanche Smith, to Brillington; Mrs. Elsie E. Smith, to Dewsbury; Miss Elizabeth J. Sutton, to Staffs. C.N.A., as Measles Nurse; Miss Kate M. B. Williams, to Lydney.

A WIDESPREAD GRIEVANCE.

In the House of Commons, on Wednesday, February 11th, Brigadier General Croft asked the Secretary of State for War whether he was aware that several cases of nurses who were recommended in the strongest terms by their commanding officers for the Royal Red Cross, First Class, in recognition of exceptional services in the actual war zone, had been passed over, whilst nurses, in many cases untrained and who never left home duty, had received this honour; and whether, in view of these facts, he will cause enquiry to be made with a view to securing justice to those who had been strongly recommended for this honour.

In a written reply the Secretary of State for War stated that recommendations for the award of the Royal Red Cross, whether at home or abroad, were in all cases made by the General Officer Commanding, under whom the person recommended had served, and as far as he had been aware, there had been no cases in which nurses serving abroad, who had been so recommended, had not been given the decoration.

We advise many nurses who have written to us on this matter, to place their cases before the Secretary of State for War. There is a widespread feeling abroad that great injustice has been inflicted on professional nurses in this connection.

NURSES ON STRIKE.

Nurses of Carrickmacross Fever and General Hospital have struck work for a minimum salary of £52 per annum, with subsistence allowance of £70.

The patients are without nursing attendance, and one admitted since the strike began has died.

Appeals to other hospitals for temporary nurses have brought no response up to the present.

Strikes in Irish asylums have occurred on various occasions.

COMING EVENTS.

February 25th.—First Meeting General Nursing Council for Ireland. Offices: Ministry of Health, 33, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

February 28th.—Association of Trained Nurses in Public Health Work. Conference on Mental Hygiene. Speaker, Miss I. Macdonald, 10, Orchard Street, Portman Square, W. 3.30 p.m. Tea 1s. Trained nurses cordially invited.

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