

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Mary A. Cracknell is appointed to Windsor (Maternity Branch) as Superintendent; Miss Ada Dicks to Darfield; Miss Evelyn M. Gaunt to Tipton; Miss Lucy A. Hopkins to Greasley; Miss Lilian R. Kimmons to Tipton; Miss Sarah J. MacDermott to Usworth; Miss Eva McIlroy to Enfield; Miss Isabella MacKilligan, to Maidenhead.

OVERSEAS NURSING ASSOCIATION.

NEW APPOINTMENTS.

Seventy new appointments have been made by the Overseas Nursing Association since October, 1919, and we regret that we have not space to insert them all, as the Association is doing extremely valuable work in selecting well-trained nurses for service in our Crown Colonies and elsewhere.

MATRON.

Preston Hospital, Gold Coast.—Miss M. C. Roxburgh has been appointed Matron. She was trained at University College Hospital, London, and her previous service includes Plague duty at Zanzibar, Sierra Leone, Colonial Hospital, Antigua, and Matron at Holberton Hospital and Colonial Hospital, Trinidad.

Gibraltar, Colonial Hospital.—Miss E. Bridges has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Rhyl, and her previous service includes duty in British Guiana and Superintendent of Nurses at Georgetown Public Hospital.

German East Africa Government Hospital.—Miss J. Fraser has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Glasgow Western Infirmary, and her previous service includes duty at British Guiana, Georgetown Public Hospital, Matron at Bahamas General Hospital, and of the Bangkok Nursing Home.

Fiji Colonial Hospital, Suva.—Miss M. F. West has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Kingston Infirmary, Surrey.

SUPERINTENDENT OF NURSES.

Nigeria (Northern Provinces Government Hospitals).—Miss L. M. Walker has been appointed Superintendent of Nurses at Berbice Hospital. She was trained at the Birmingham Infirmary, and previous service includes duty at British Guiana, Georgetown Public Hospital.

SISTER-IN-CHARGE.

Cyprus Government Hospital.—Miss A. B. Drewe has been appointed Sister-in-Charge. She was trained at West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital. Previous service includes duty with Ceylon Nursing Association, in N. Eastern Rhodesia, Fort Jamestown, Sierra Leone, Freetown Nursing Home, Southern Nigeria Government Hospitals, Preston Hospital, Gold Coast, British East Africa Government Hospitals.

NURSE MATRON.

Tehran Hospital.—Miss B. N. Oxley has been appointed Nurse-Matron. She was trained at Westminster Hospital, London.

COMING EVENTS.

May 26th.—The Trained Women Nurses' Friendly Society. Annual General Meeting, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 5 p.m.

June 4th.—Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses. Annual Meeting. 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 4.30 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

IGNORANCE OR ANIMUS?

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—It is a pity the writer of the article on Florence Nightingale in a recent issue of the *Daily Telegraph* should have exposed her ignorance—or indulged her animus—by making the misleading statement that the College of Nursing "is to set the examinations and establish the register that will place the calling (of nursing) on the same professional level as medicine and the law." It is both ill informed and untrue.

These powers have been conferred by Parliament on the General Nursing Councils set up by the Nurses Registration Acts. It is unpardonable that the public and nurses should be so misinformed, when reference to the Nursing Acts will prove the fact beyond dispute. Such statements should be officially contradicted by the College Council.

Yours truly,

HENRIETTA HAWKINS.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

"DICKIE NO SHOES."

Another F.F.N.C. Sister.—"Presumably when the children of our wicked foes are being pampered in 'the land of the free,' they will be provided with boots and other necessaries. How about the orphans of our dead soldiers—many of whom are short of food and bootless? Did you read of poor 'Dickie No Shoes,' the little son—one of five children—of a hard-working widow, whose 'factory wages did not exceed 25s. a week,' summoned at Tottenham for not sending him to school?

It came out the little chap was sent barefoot to school and his poverty jeered at, so that the poor mother 'had not the heart to send her son to school.' It makes my blood boil to think such people are indirectly taxed 'to entertain' alien enemy children in England! I agree with you absolutely that the Government have no right to permit German children to be brought here. Why should we not let our M.P.'s know how we women feel about it?"

[Certainly let them know.—ED.]

[For want of space much correspondence is held over till next week.—ED.]

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

QUESTIONS.

May 22nd.—What are the usual causes of gallstones? Describe the preparation of a case for operation, and the subsequent nursing.

May 29th.—Flatulence after operation; give causes and treatment.

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