

LADY MINTO'S INDIAN NURSING SERVICE.

The report of Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association for 1919, just received from India, records that in spite of the difficulties still experienced in obtaining passages for the Sisters, 28 have been sent out from England, and this increase in the staff has been of great assistance in the development and extension of the work of the Association.

The maternity homes established in Simla have proved most useful, a total of 74 patients having been admitted. Taking into consideration the fact that an institution for maternity cases is an absolute necessity in Simla, the Central Committee decided to lay before the Government of India a proposal that a Block specially designed for the nursing of maternity cases should be built adjoining the Walker Hospital. The scheme has received the approval of the Government, and it is hoped that the building will be ready for occupation in May, 1921. It has also been decided that a separate wing for maternity cases is to be built at the Hindu Rao Hospital (Ridge Hospital), Delhi, which will be ready in November this year.

Miss Ruth E. Darbyshire, R.R.C., Chief Lady Superintendent, in the report she submitted for 1919, states that the year has been one of satisfactory progress, and, on the whole, one of less difficulty than the previous year. It was hoped by March, 1920, to have a sufficiency of English trained Nursing Sisters. During the year 1919, 28 Sisters arrived from England, and 5 Sisters trained in India were appointed to the permanent staff. During the year, 25 Sisters left the Association for the following reasons:—Expiration of contract, 12; marriage, 8; released at own request, 2; invalided, 3. Five temporary Sisters remained at the close of the year. Miss Darbyshire reports that for the past three years the Association has been mainly dependent upon the services of the temporary staff, and its thanks are due to many of these nurses who have done excellent work in its service.

The Report of the Chief Lady Superintendent gives a brief account of the work of the various branches and centres, and concludes: "The Lady Superintendents and Nursing Sisters have done everything in their power to successfully carry on the work, and I should like to convey my sincere thanks to them for their loyal and devoted service. I feel that we can look back on 1919 with gratitude for the good services rendered, and that many patients would join me in my appreciation of the work of the staff."

At home, Miss M. E. Ray, late Matron of King's College Hospital, has been appointed Secretary of the Selection Committee.

The Report, which is admirably produced and illustrated, follows the usual admirable plan of giving the training school, special qualifications, and subsequent appointments of each member of the nursing staff.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON-IN-CHIEF.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Dame Maud McCarthy, G.B.E., R.R.C., has been appointed Matron-in-Chief for the period of one year. She was trained at the London Hospital, and was a member of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service. She served in the South African War, was promoted to the rank of Principal Matron, and was Matron-in-Chief, Expeditionary Force, in France from 1914-1919, where she served with great distinction—service which has been recognised by the many honours bestowed upon her.

MATRON.

Pinewood Sanatorium, Wokingham, M.A.B.—Miss Alice Maud Rennie has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Greenock Infirmary, and has been Sister at King Edward VII's Sanatorium, Staff Nurse at the Sanatorium, Nordrach-upon-Mendip, and Matron at the Ochil Hills Sanatorium. She has also had experience as a Queen's Nurse.

Isolation Hospital, Southport.—Miss Susanne Coulter has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Leicester Isolation Hospital, and the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and has held the position of Theatre Sister and Night Superintendent at the Women's Hospital, Liverpool; Ward Sister and Home Sister at the Isolation Hospital, Derby, and served in France throughout the war, being mentioned in despatches by Sir John French. She has also received the Royal Red Cross, first class, and the Croix de Guerre.

Maternity Home, County Borough of Eastbourne.—Miss Catherine Macintosh has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Sheffield, Royal Hospital, and at Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital, London.

HEALTH VISITOR.

Wiltshire County Council.—Miss Gertrude M. Jackson has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at the Guest Hospital, Dudley, and worked in Rangoon as a member of Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association.

NIGHT SISTER.

Throat Hospital, Golden Square, W.—Miss Ida Berry has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Oldham, and has held the position of Sister at the Children's Hospital, Birkenhead; in the Military Wards at the Royal Infirmary, Wigan, and the Victoria Hospital, Blackpool, and of Night Sister at the Children's Hospital, Nottingham.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Dorothy M. A. Bale is appointed to Warwick; Miss Edith Callon to Widnes; Mrs. Jessie A. Clarke to Sleaford; Miss Lilian C. Coleman to Brixton; Miss Louisa Hogarth, to Skegness; Miss Jane B. McFadden, to Warwick; Miss Catherine Mackenzie, to Bolton as Senior Nurse; Miss Annie Mindham to Barnsley; Miss Edith A. Morris to Reading; Miss Elizabeth A. Morris to Kingston as Senior Nurse; Miss Jean Toll to Margate.

HONOUR FOR SISTER PHILLIPS.

Sister Phillips, of Barnet Infirmary, who volunteered for service in Serbia during the typhus epidemic, has just received the Cross of Mercy from the Serbian Government in recognition of her valuable services at that time.

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