

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

County Hospital, Hertford.—Miss C. Tompson has been appointed Matron of Hertford County Hospital. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital and obtained her certificate in 1913, and afterwards the certificate of the Central Midwives Board. Miss Tompson served in Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service until 1915. Since 1915 she has been Ward and Theatre Sister at the Samaritan Free Hospital, and Ward and Home Sister at the Hampstead General Hospital.

Colindale Hospital, Hendon (M.A.B.).—Miss A. M. Rennie has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Greenock Infirmary, and has been Queen's Nurse at Corstorphine, Midlothian; Staff Nurse at Nordrachon-Mendip Sanatorium, Sister at King Edward VII Sanatorium, Midhurst, Matron of the Ochil Hills, Sanatorium, and Matron of the Pinewood Sanatorium, Wokingham.

Lenzies Sanatorium, Wolsingham, Durham.—Miss Martha Brown has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Hull, and has been Sister at the Hull and East Riding Sanatorium, Withernsea.

The Cottage Hospital, Malmesbury.—Miss Bertha M. E. Hesketh has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where she was promoted to be Sister of Elizabeth Ward. Miss Hesketh served at home and abroad during the war, in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; and has recently been on duty at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley. She holds the certificate of the Central Midwives Board.

Bury Infirmary, Bury.—Miss M. Ashley has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Hospital, Birmingham, and has been Sister in Medical and Surgical Wards, and in the Theatre at this hospital, Night Superintendent at the Royal Infirmary, Bradford, Assistant Matron at the Royal Infirmary, Halifax, Matron at the General Hospital, Darlington, and Matron of the Saffron Walden Hospital.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

West London Hospital, Hammersmith.—Miss Gladys M. Simms has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and has been Night Sister, and Sister of Lucas Ward, and is at present Sister of Lawrence. Before entering St. Bartholomew's Hospital for training, Miss Simms had women's training at the New Hospital for Women, Euston Road, W.C.

Royal Midland Counties Home for Incurables, Leamington.—Miss A. M. Oldham has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Smallwood Hospital, Redditch, and has been Assistant Nurse at the Hospital, Llandrindod Wells.

NIGHT SISTER.

General Hospital, Darlington.—Miss P. Gray Gibson has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and has been Charge Sister at the Central Nursing Home, Nottingham, Sister at the Bethnal Green Infirmary, and Charge Nurse at the Military Hospital, Romford. She has also had experience in private nursing, and as a Health Visitor.

SISTER.

Windsor Hospital and Convalescent Home, Felixstowe.—Miss Gertrude Fisher has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the General Hospital, Wolverhampton, and has been Sister at the Manchester Sanatorium, Holiday Sister, at the Royal Sea Bathing Hospital, Margate, and Sister-in-Charge of the Rawson Convalescent Home, Harrogate.

COLONIAL SERVICE.

The following appointments to the Colonial Service have been made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies during the month of January:—

Malay States.—Miss M. Little and Miss C. McCrystal, to Nursing Sisters.

St. Helena.—Miss E. Z. Stubington, to Nurse, Civil Hospital.

Uganda.—Miss E. M. Stringer to Nursing Sister.

PRESENTATION.

Mr. G. S. Marshall, Chairman of the Board of Management of the West London Hospital, Hammersmith, presented, on the 22nd ult., two substantial cheques to Miss F. E. Nevile, on her retirement from the position of Matron, and referred in appreciative terms to her work at the hospital, covering a period of twenty years. Miss Nevile was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and will be a great loss to the nursing department of the West London, where her devotion to duty was a shining example to the nursing staff.

"EXIT THE COTTAGE NURSE."

We are not sorry to note that branches of the District Cottage Benefit Nursing Association are dissolving, because of lack of candidates and financial support. The system has always been indefensible, both from the nurses' and patients' points of view, and the sooner it is superseded by one defined by professional persons the better.

WELLCOME'S PROFESSIONAL NURSES' DIARY.

We have received from Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome & Co., Snow Hill Buildings, London, E.C. 1, a copy of their Professional Nurses' Diary for 1921-22. The Diary, which is rightly a great favourite with nurses, contains an immense amount of useful information in handy form. The introduction is an article on the "General Principles of Nursing" and under the "Conditions and Measures which make for Health," we read under the heading of "Cleanliness," "The nurse should be, and to do her justice she usually is, an example of perfect neatness and cleanliness. In nursing, cleanliness is not merely a matter of taste—the natural outcome of good breeding and good manners. It is something more—it is a duty, involving a real and very important professional obligation."

Private nurses will find useful the "Suggested List of Requirements for an Operation in a Private House," and there is a special section devoted to midwives.

The chapter on "Poisons and the Antidotes" is very complete, and the table of "Thermometric Equivalents," Fahrenheit, Centigrade, and Réaumur is a great convenience.

A brief summary is given under the heading "Legal Information" of the Nurses' Registration Act for England and Wales, with which it is very essential every nurse should be acquainted. Information is also given as to the duties of a nurse in relation to the public health authorities in cases of infectious and notifiable diseases, with many more items of interest.

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