

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Women's Hospital, Sparkhill, Birmingham.—Miss A. Strachan has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Helen's Hospital, Lancashire, where she subsequently held the position of Sister, and has been Matron of the Wallasey Cottage Hospital, Theatre Sister at the 1st Western General Hospital, Matron of the Warrington Infirmary, Assistant Matron of the Lincoln County Hospital, and Matron of the Ear and Throat Hospital, Birmingham.

District Hospital, Watford.—Miss H. McKinley has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, and has been Matron of the Bexley Hospital and the Manchester Southern Hospital; Assistant Matron at the Edmonton Military Hospital, and at the Middlesex Hospital. She did war service in Brussels and France, for which she received three war medals; and is at present Night Sister at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, E.

SISTER.

Horton Hospital, South Shields.—Miss J. McKinley has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at the Newcastle Union Infirmary, and has been Health Visitor under the Whitley Bay Urban Council.

HOME SISTER.

Middleton-in-Wharfedale Sanatorium, near Ilkley.—Miss Mary Florence Stockwell has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained at University College Hospital, London, and has been Sister at Queen Mary's Hospital, Stratford; the North Eastern Hospital, Tottenham; and the Jessop Hospital, Sheffield. She served in France from 1914-1918.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Adria H. G. Roberts is appointed to Lincolnshire (Lindsey) C.N.A., as County Superintendent; Miss Edith K. Roberts, to Birmingham (Summer Hill Road), as Superintendent; Miss Margaret F. Chalmers, to Shropshire N.F., as Assistant County Superintendent; Miss Annie Godfrey, to Devonshire C.N.A., as Assistant County Superintendent; Miss Emily M. Tubbs, to Halifax, as Assistant Superintendent; Miss Helen C. Brocking, to Haslemere; Miss Edith C. Crowden, to East London; Miss Emily G. Johnson, to Hertford; Miss Dora McLelland, to Hednesford; Miss France E. Morrison, to Stanley, as Senior Nurse; Miss Kathleen E. M. O'Reilly, to Hampstead; Miss Fanny E. Pike, to Harefield; Miss Ethel B. Wardley, to Hertford; and Miss Hester V. Williams, to Penzance Maternity.

PRESENTATIONS.

Gold wristlet watches were presented at South Elmsall, last week, to Nurse D. Lowe and Nurse J. Whalley, in recognition of work in connection with the South Elmsall and Moorthorpe Child Welfare Association. Nurse Lowe has been appointed to the Queen's Nursing Association at Widnes, and Nurse Whalley is her assistant. The presentations were made by Dr. C. Pycroft, Frickley Hospital; and Dr. Horton.

RESIGNATION.

Miss E. Stewart, Matron of Bow Institution, has submitted her resignation to the Guardians of the City of London Union, which post she has held for twenty-four years. The presiding Chairman said they were losing one of the best Matrons any institution ever had. Miss Stewart's work had been most admirable. She had a splendid influence on the Nurses and Probationers. It was proposed and agreed that the Guardians offer Miss Stewart a long holiday in the hope she would be able to return with restored health.

V.A.D.'S AND NATIONAL HEALTH.

Very great social influence is being used in defining the work of V.A.D.'s now that there is very little military nursing to engage their energies, and we learn that Scottish "great ladies" are very busy in defining scope for them, in which a thorough hospital training apparently does not form part of the equipment.

The Scottish Branch of the British Red Cross Society has recently issued a communique to Presidents, Hon. Secretaries, County Directors, and Commandants in the following terms so far as V.A.D.'s are concerned:—

"At a recent Meeting of the Executive, a Committee was formed to consider what steps, if any, should be taken to extend the work of the Scottish Branch in the direction indicated by the Supplementary Charter. This Committee, after deliberation, submitted certain proposals to the Council of the Branch, which was duly approved. Every County Committee will, no doubt, give due consideration to the question as to how far their organisations can be employed to effect the mitigation of the suffering that has followed the Great War. The Committee, on the Extended Powers of the Branch, confined their deliberations to the question of how effective assistance could be given by the Red Cross in health work in Scotland. It was recognised that there were probably many members of the Voluntary Aid Detachments who had gained valuable experience during the War, and who desired to bring that experience to bear in new directions. For such experienced V.A.D. members there seem various openings, such as visitation under Voluntary Health Visitors Associations, occasional help in Voluntary Hospitals, Convalescent Homes or Holiday Homes, and assistance in District Nursing under Voluntary Institutions.

"There also appears to be room for the Voluntary Worker in various capacities in connection with Public Health work. For instance, V.A.D. members might, perhaps, be able to help, not only in visitation and district nursing, but even in School Medical examinations as aides to School Medical Officers or Nurses.

"Any effort, however, in the direction of providing assistance by part-time workers must be guided by the wishes of the Local Health and Educative Authorities, and the various Voluntary Agencies concerned.

"The most suitable fields for the Red Cross Workers under Health Authorities are Infant and Child Welfare Centres and Tuberculosis Work.

"It is proposed to institute courses of lectures with practical instruction extending over three months in Child Welfare and Tuberculosis work. In the first instance, these courses will be held in Glasgow and Edinburgh. If the scheme passes successfully through the experimental stage, these will be extended to other centres they may be desired. The theoretical instruction will be thorough, and the practical experience provided sufficient to give the student a grasp of the (experiences) principles involved. Examinations will be held, and certificates granted to those who have reached the necessary standard.

"The Red Cross Certificate will not, of course, confer any professional status, but it is expected that the training given will assist those who may have the desire to follow a career under the Public Health Authorities."

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