

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

British Hospital, Nazareth.—Miss Mary Parkinson has been appointed Matron in connection with the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society. She was trained at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield, and has been Sister at the Victoria Memorial Jewish Hospital, Manchester, School Nurse under the Manchester Education Committee, and the Lancashire Education Committee, Matron of the Church of Scotland Jewish Mission Hospital, Smyrna, Inspector of Nuisances at Sheffield, and Assistant Superintendent of Child Welfare Centres at Manchester. She holds the certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and is a certified midwife.

City Isolation Hospital, Peterborough.—Miss A. H. Green has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Infirmary, Hendon, and has been Sister at the Isolation Hospital, Walthamstow, and at the City Isolation Hospital, Norwich, Assistant Matron, Sister, and Deputy Matron at the Hove Borough Sanatorium, Matron of the County Tuberculosis Hospital, Ware, Hertfordshire, and Sister at the Kendray Hospital, Barnsley.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Gosforth City Mental Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—Miss Alice Nixon has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at Hartlepool Hospital, where she held the position of Night Sister. She has also been Staff Nurse and Night Superintendent at the Northumberland War Hospital, Gosforth, and Assistant Matron of the Sir James Murray Mental Hospital, Perth.

Mental Hospital, Cheddleton, Leek, Staffs.—Miss L. Haxell has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at Middlesex Hospital, and the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C., and has since been Sister at the General Hospital, Birmingham, Sister-in-Charge of the Infectious Block, Sister at the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, and Sister for four years in France in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

NIGHT SISTER.

General Infirmary, Peterborough.—Miss M. E. Pewter has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the Royal Hospital, Portsmouth, and has been Theatre Sister at the Essex Hospital, Colchester, and is a certified midwife.

West House, Royal Edinburgh Asylum, Edinburgh.—Miss Isabella Ptolemy has been appointed Night Superintendent. She was trained at the Edinburgh District Asylum, Bangour.

PRESENTATION.

Nurse E. Burley, who has been for eleven years associated with the Bradford District Nursing Association, was recently the recipient of a testimonial and a tea-service, suitably inscribed, from fifteen medical men in her district on the occasion of her leaving to take up similar duties at Windhill. The presentation was made by Dr. Bateson, who paid tribute to her valuable services in the past, and on behalf of the medical subscribers expressed their regret at her change, and unanimously wished her the good fortune in the future that she deserved. The tea-service was of an early Georgian design.

MEDALS FOR NURSES.

At a meeting of the Metropolitan Asylums Board on Saturday last, a gold medal was presented to Probationer C. Pontin, of the North-Eastern Hospital; a silver medal to Probationer F. N. Udell, North-Western Hospital; and a bronze medal to Probationer M. Rendell, of the Park Hospital, for meritorious services rendered on the nursing staffs. The chairman, in making the presentations, said the nurses had behaved splendidly at the various institutions of the Board during a very trying period. During the past year, there had been 1,500 patients more treated at their fever hospitals than ever before during a like period.

COMING EVENTS.

June 10th.—Opening of Headquarters of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales by Her Royal Highness Princess Christian. 12, York Gate, Regent's Park, N.W. 3.30 p.m.

June 11th to 25th.—Nurses' Missionary League, Summer Camp, Sandsend, Yorkshire.

June 25th.—Royal British Nurses' Association. Annual Meeting, 3.30 p.m., 194, Queen's Gate, S. W.

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.

BLINDED SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOSTEL.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—A thousand thanks for your kindness in sparing so much space for the review of the Sixth Annual Report of St. Dunstan's in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING the other day.

This cannot fail to help the blinded men very materially, and on their behalf I send you very sincere thanks.

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR PEARSON,

Chairman,

Blinded Soldiers' and Sailors' Care Committee.
Headquarters of St. Dunstan's Work,
Regent's Park, N.W. 1.

PRIVATE NURSING PRACTITIONERS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Can we classify nurses' livings under three heads? :—

- (1) Institution system.
- (2) District work under local charity organisation.
- (3) Private Practice.

The institution system kills all initiative, all work being supervised by superior officers and inspectors.

The district work under local nursing associations

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