

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Hospital for Consumption, Armley, Leeds.—Miss E. T. Read has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, and has had experience of military and private nursing.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HEALTH VISITORS.

Middle Ward District, County of Lanark.—Miss Chapman, Matron of the County Fever Hospital, Motherwell, has been appointed Superintendent of Health Visitors and Nurse Inspectors for the Middle Ward District of the County of Lanark. The position is the first of its kind so far as the County of Lanark is concerned. Miss Chapman, who is a native of Banffshire, has had a wide experience in the nursing profession, and during the war acted as Matron for 15 months at the 3rd Scottish Territorial Hospital, Stobhill, Glasgow. On the occasion of her departure from Motherwell, Miss Chapman was met in the Hospital Nurses' Home and presented with a writing table, bronze blotting pad, and letter stand in recognition of her twenty years' services. The gifts were handed over by Dr. Reid, physician-superintendent. Miss Chapman is being succeeded by Miss Thomson, Matron of the County Sanatorium, Stonehouse.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Preston and County of Lancaster, Queen Victoria Royal Infirmary.—Miss Gertrude Moggoch has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Bradford, where she held the positions of Sister and Night Superintendent. She has also been Sister at the West London Hospital, Hammersmith, and Night Superintendent and Assistant Matron at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Aberdeen. She is a Certified Midwife.

SISTER.

Essex County Hospital, Colchester.—Miss Winifred Rowe has been appointed Out-patient Sister and Massage Sister. She was trained at the Essex County Hospital, Colchester, and received training in Massage at the National Hospital, Queen Square, W.C., and was also at the Royal Chest Hospital, City Road, E.C.

Queen's Hospital, Birmingham.—Miss Ada Jones has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, where she subsequently held the position of Sister. She has also been Sister at the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar, and has had experience of private nursing in connection with the Registered Nurses Socleey, 431, Oxford Street, W.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MILITARY NURSING SERVICE FOR INDIA.

The following ladies have been appointed to Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India in the grade of Staff Nurse (temporary):—Miss M. L. Harlock, Miss K. O. Smith, Miss I. S. Williams.

WEDDING BELLS.

Congratulations to Miss Mary E. Owens, trained at the Royal Infirmary, Blackburn, and a late member of the staff of the Registered Nurses' Society, 431, Oxford Street, London, on her marriage with Mr. John Charles Morgan, of Shirlheath, Kingsland, at St. John's Church, Shobdan, on January 1st. Miss Owens was a Sister in the French Flag Nursing Corps from 1918-1919 and we feel sure her colleagues both at home and in France will wish to convey to her their best wishes for her happiness through the medium of this Journal.

OUR FOREIGN LETTER.

CHRISTMAS AT THE SCUOLA CONVITTO REGINA ELENA, POLICLINICO, ROMA.

(FROM OUR ROMAN CORRESPONDENT.)

After the quiet Christmases of the war-years, Matron decided to return, to some extent, at least, to former festivities. But the sudden death of the Hon. Pietro Bertolini, brother-in-law to Marchesa Maraini, vice-president of the S.C.R.E., has vetoed, naturally, the large reception which usually followed the nurses' own party.

A real spirit of Christmas gaiety reigned notwithstanding, as preparations for Ward-Sisters' parties went on beside those in the Home. The weather has been ideal, a "moon to read by" at night and brilliant sunshine all day. Shopping was therefore no penance as regards rain, snow or mud, but the prices of everything were simply despairing, and it was decreed that only child patients should have gifts and that dolls for them should be home-manufactured. The results were simply stupendous! A notice brought in gifts of gay materials on all sides, Matron created models and painted faces in character with the rag bodies, so that the long shelf in her office became a miniature carnival: Tripolitan negroes, early Victorian maidens, fashionable modern maidens, mischievous Pucks, side by side with each other, and a most determined Red Cross lady apparently dragging a reluctant and garmentless Ascari to bed or bath!

Christmas Eve saw all decorations completed, and dolls were carried to each ward to rejoice the children on waking. At midnight, nurses, maids and a few convalescents met in the Hospital Chapel, where the Padre Presidente said the three Masses, the High Altar adorned with flowers and plants all around, whilst a wreath decorated the brass tablet near by, which has been erected in memory of the beloved Princess, Foundress of the School.

Hot coffee and milk in the Home at 1.15, and then all to bed.

On Christmas Day each Ward-Sister held her little party for patients some time between 3 and 7, and the decorations were charming in every ward, though quite simple—mainly ivy and fir branches, with only touches of holly and mistletoe here and there, as they cost money, whilst ivy and fir branches the Hospital grounds supplied.

The gifts were very modest (or not attempted at all, according to decree), but the patients seemed as contented as in the pre-war days of elaborate generosity, and the happy idea of drawing the gifts by lottery prevented any feelings of jealousy.

Meanwhile, in the Home the large dining-hall was undergoing transformation. A long line of tables was formed, crossing the room at an angle, and one table was inserted in the middle, cross-wise, for Matron and senior Sisters. Gifts of glorious red roses from Committee and Professor appeared, and gave a final touch of beauty and colour in a red-gold copper "secchio" (rounded pail) under the centre Japanese lantern, red and

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