

THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

NOTICE.

To the Members of the Glasgow and District Branch of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses.

A new Secretary has been appointed to the Glasgow and District Branch of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses. Members will please note that the address given in the Membership Card of 1921 is of no further use.

All communications to be addressed to the Central Office, 17, Evelyn House, 62, Oxford Street, London, W. 1.

(Signed) MAUDE MACCALLUM,
Hon. Secretary.

THE DRAMATIC SIDE OF SURGERY.

In the course of an interesting address delivered at the opening of the Eighty-seventh Session of the Middlesex Hospital School, presided over by the Earl of Athlone at the Scala Theatre, Mr. G. Gordon Taylor, who took as his subject "The Dramatic Side of Surgery," said that dramatic and spectacular surgery might be, and often was, the result of brilliant and exquisite achievement.

Surgery might have a dramatic aspect because of the surroundings in which it was practised. It was difficult to imagine a more dramatic environment for surgery than the dug-out which Basil Hughes, of Bradford, built in a communication trench when he was a regimental medical officer, to which wounded could be brought in four or five minutes after being hit. Six abdominal cases associated with severe hemorrhage, were operated upon by Hughes here, and two recovered—men who would never have lived to see a casualty station.

Some patients might be said to have many lives. An Australian lieutenant was gassed in the beginning of June, 1918; on July 4th, on the way to the trenches he was wounded in the abdomen by a fragment of shell. By a lucky chance he was near an advance dressing station, where he was speedily transferred to his (Mr. Gordon Taylor's) casualty hospital and had to be prematurely sent down to the base. Here he was sorely tempted to eat of forbidden food and fruit at the hands of the V.A.D.'s and nurses, but he courageously braved the unpopularity which he incurred by turning a deaf ear to their blandishments. On his way across the Channel he was torpedoed in the hospital ship *Warilda* and dragged out of the water by a rope round his waist. He spent two hours in a boat in soaking pyjamas, and subsequently six hours on the deck of a destroyer. Yet he made a complete recovery, and now found Paris a pleasant spot in which to sojourn as a dealer in fruit.

We wonder what type of nurse endangered the life of an abdominal case by pressing forbidden food and fruit upon him. Such nurses cannot have

been on the Imperial or Territorial Staffs. V.A.D.'s cannot be blamed for their ignorance—the authorities placed them in positions for which they were not trained.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRONS.

Frenchay Park Children's Sanatorium.—The Bristol Health Committee have appointed Miss Lucy Allen as Matron of the new Frenchay Park Children's Sanatorium, which was opened on October 5th by Sir William Treloar, Bart., as the guest of the Lord Mayor of Bristol. Miss Allen received her general training at Charing Cross Hospital, on the conclusion of which she was appointed Ward Sister, and subsequently Sister-in-Charge of the Special Children's Department, with the equipment and arrangement of which she was entrusted from the start. In addition Miss Allen has had considerable Fever and Sanatorium experience at Plaistow Hospital and at Ham Green Hospital, where she is now Night Superintendent of the Hospital and Sanatorium.

City Mental Hospital, Exeter.—Miss Catherine C. Morison has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and at the District Asylum, Lanark, and has been Assistant Matron of the District Asylum, Stirling, and the District Asylum, Lanark.

SISTERS.

Exhall Sanatorium, Coventry.—Miss M. M. D. Lamble has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the North Staffordshire and Eye Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent, and has been Sister at the Liverpool Sanatorium, Frodsham, at the Royal Hospital for Consumption, Co. Wicklow, and at the Sister Dora Convalescent Home, Milford.

Liverpool Hospital for Children, Leasowe, Moreton.—Miss Marie C. Lloyd Jones has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Blackburn, where she subsequently acted temporarily as Theatre Sister.

Miss Margaret Williams has also been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, where she subsequently held the position of Ward Sister and Temporary Night Sister. She has also been Ward Sister at the General Infirmary, Burton-on-Trent.

Miss Gertrude W. Johnson has also been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Liverpool Hospital for Children, Leasowe, and at the David Lewis Northern Hospital, Liverpool.

Miss Mary B. Taylor has also been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Kendray Fever Hospital, and the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, where she also held the position of Sister. She has also been holiday-Charge Sister at the Convalescent Home, Conisborough.

STAFF NURSE.

Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover.—Miss D. Simmons has been appointed Staff Nurse. She was trained at the General Hospital, Stroud, Gloucestershire, and has held the position of Temporary Sister in her training-school.

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:—Miss S. Broadwood, Miss C. J. Geeleher, Miss S. N. B. Hiles, Miss F. Jackson, Miss M. M. Jupe.

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