

Our political attitude is not much to be proud of. We nurses however have the consolation that our profession is out on this Crusade. From letters received this week we hear the Sisters are frightfully busy.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRONS.

**Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.**—Miss Letitia Forster Feather has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital and now holds the position of Matron at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport.

**Chalmers' Hospital, Edinburgh.**—Miss Isabel Crichton has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Chalmers' Hospital, Edinburgh, and has been Staff Nurse at the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow, Sister at Chalmers' Hospital, Edinburgh, and Matron of the County Hospital, Ayr.

### SISTERS.

**Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, Brighton.**—Miss Hilda K. Kidd has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, and at Queen Mary's Hospital for Children, Carshalton. She has also been Sister at the Brighton and Hove Dispensary, and Out-Patient Sister and Night Sister at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Brighton. Great Northern Central Hospital Medals for Nurses.

### GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL HOSPITAL MEDALS FOR NURSES.

The Committee of Management of the Great Northern Central Hospital have awarded silver and bronze medals to Nurses Gregory and Williamson respectively, as they passed the Senior Examination with distinction and merited special recognition.

### SISTER TUTOR.

In consequence of the steadily increasing number of nurses on the staff of the Great Northern Central Hospital, the Committee of Management desire that their training should continue to be of the highest standard, and have decided to appoint a Sister-Tutor. This will enable the Committee to increase the amount of the individual training for the nurses.

### CITY OF MANCHESTER MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRES. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS.

The following ladies have been appointed Assistant Superintendents:—Miss Eveline Hessian Furminger and Miss Elizabeth Swallow.

Miss Furminger was trained at the Mater Hospital, Dublin, and obtained the Certificate of the Central Midwives' Board after training at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London. She was subsequently Health Visitor at Sittingbourne, and Aylesbury, Chief Midwife of Lincoln Nursing Association, and Nursing Sister in Serbia.

Miss Swallow was trained at Birmingham General Hospital, obtained the Certificate of the Central Midwives' Board after training at the Leeds Maternity Hospital. She was then Health Visitor and School Nurse at Mexborough, Sanitary Inspector at Sheffield, for 4½ years at Sheffield Welfare Centre, and Health Visitor and School Nurse, West Riding County Council.

## PRESENTATION.

There was a large attendance of supporters of the Royal Portsmouth Hospital, as well as of members of the medical, surgical and nursing staffs in the Outpatient Hall of the Hospital, on the afternoon of July 21st, to do honour to the Matron, Miss Alcock, who is retiring after ten years' service.

The Chairman of the Committee of Management, Sir Harold Pink, expressed its extreme regret at her decision. He mentioned that since Miss Alcock took up office in November, 1911, the X-ray, massage, electrical, and radium departments had been added, and had meant a great increase in her work, but she had always thrown the greatest energy into any scheme to make the hospital more efficient. The Nursing Staff has been increased from 40 to 56, a Sister-Tutor had been appointed, and she had initiated the Ladies' Linen League.

Mr. T. F. H. Laphorn, J.P., a former Chairman, summarised Miss Alcock's record for the hospital in the one word "Success," and Mr. Munro Ford, on behalf of the honorary medical and surgical staff, said they were saying good-bye to an excellent, capable, and distinguished Matron.

Sir Harold Pink then handed Miss Alcock a cheque for £75 18s. from subscribers, Governors and Members of the Committee of Management, Miss Duffy (Assistant Matron) and Staff. Nurse Hayes asked her acceptance of an old rose Chesterfield couch from the Nursing Staff, past and present, and Miss Cahill (Head Laundress) of a handsome hand-painted cushion, on behalf of the domestic staff and porters.

Miss Alcock, in acknowledging the gifts, spoke of the assistance she had had from the Committee, and said that Portsmouth had reason to be proud of its hospital and Hon. Medical Staff. She had received great help and loyalty from the Nursing Staff.

## AN INACCURATE STATEMENT.

The following letter has been addressed by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick to the Editor of *The Poor Law Officers' Journal*, as the inaccurate statement attributed to her in the report of the proceedings of the General Nursing Council on July 14th, is calculated to cause unnecessary friction. Granted the privilege of admission to the deliberations of this Statutory Council, care must be taken that members are accurately reported:—

### THE RIGHT OF NURSES TO KNOWLEDGE.

To the Editor of the *Poor-Law Officers' Journal*.  
DEAR SIR,—I must request you to insert this letter in your next issue. My notice has been drawn to a very inaccurate and mischievous statement attributed to me in the issue of the *Poor-Law Officers' Journal*, of July 22nd, when speaking at the meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, held on July 14th.

Referring to a uniform system of education or standard for nurses I am represented to have said "The number of medical men opposed to the liberal education was increasing every day." What I emphasised was the exact contrary. What I said was: "It was only in recent years that medical men had ceased to deny the right of nurses to knowledge . . . but the number of medical men who were opposed to the better education of nurses was decreasing every day."

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