

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

War Memorial Cottage Hospital, Alford, Lincolnshire.—Miss Rhoda Metherell has been appointed Matron. She was trained for three years at the Bridgewater Hospital, and had further experience at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital (then the New Hospital for Women) in the Euston Road, N.W. After working for some years on the staff of the Registered Nurses Society, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., she was appointed Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Freshford, near Bath, which post she has held for five years.

Cottage Hospital, Chippenham.—Miss E. S. Newton has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway Road, N., and has held the position of Night Sister at Newbury District Hospital, Sister at the Tiverton General Hospital, Matron at the Cottage Hospital, Ottery St. Mary. She has had experience of private nursing, and of war nursing as a member of Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

Burgh Hospital, Peterhead.—Miss Christian Low has been appointed Matron. She was trained in Fever Nursing at the Bristol Fever Hospital and Sanatorium, and in General Nursing at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.

PRESENTATION.

Her many friends in Edinburgh, Glasgow and elsewhere will hear with regret of the retirement, at a comparatively early age, owing to indifferent health, of Miss Darney, Lady Superintendent, Glasgow Royal Mental Hospital. On February 23rd, Dr. Henderson, Physician-Superintendent, on behalf of the staff, presented Miss Darney with a silver inkstand and pen, along with a cheque, as a mark of their respect and esteem. Miss Darney gracefully acknowledged the gifts, and thanked the staff for the ready help which they had always accorded her.

MISS MARGARET H. DARNEY, AN APPRECIATION.

In the year 1894, at a time when the work was little known, little appreciated, and badly paid, there stepped into the arena of mental nursing a lady who was destined to become a power for good. That lady was Miss Darney.

Widely travelled, widely read, endowed with particular qualities of heart and brain, possessed with a keen but kindly insight into human nature, she devoted herself unsparingly to the work. Trained at Glasgow Royal Mental Hospital, and serving for a time under Dr. Clouston at Craig House, Miss Darney became in due course Lady-Superintendent of her training school. Slowly, unostentatiously, but nevertheless surely, she raised the standard of mental nursing. She possessed the power of getting in her subordinates the spirit of *esprit-de-corps*—that spirit of self-sacrifice and unity which is so necessary to a smooth administration. The acme of gentleness, neatness, thoroughness, and punctuality, she unconsciously set the standard. Happily, Miss Darney's influence did not end at Gartnavel. There emerged from the hospital a band of women, imbued with her own lofty aims and high ideals, who have held important posts in many lands.

It is hoped that a complete rest may restore Miss Darney's health. But whatever life may hold in the way of new interests, those who know her best realise that the cause that will always be dearest to her heart is that of the mentally afflicted. Surely, in the front rank of her profession stands the name of Margaret Darney.

ANOTHER LARGE FORTUNE FOR A NURSE.

It transpires that Miss Margery Sinclair McKay, of Aberdeen, to whom the late Sir Thomas Sutherland left a large fortune, is a trained nurse, although she had been acting for many months as his private secretary.

The gifts to Miss McKay are: £10,000 and one-half of the proceeds of the sale of 7, Buckingham Gate; freehold property in Buckingham Mews; household effects, motor cars, &c.; and may amount to anything over £30,000. Miss McKay was trained at the Sheffield Royal Hospital, and nursed in a military hospital in Suffolk. About two years ago she became nurse-companion to the late Lady Sutherland, and after her death was asked by Sir Thomas to act as his private secretary. Sir Thomas left the residue (about £400,000) to King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, but this will have to bear practically all the duties, nearly £250,000.

MATERNITY CASES SENT TO FEVER HOSPITALS.

At a meeting of the West Willesden Ratepayers' Association, on Monday night, in support of their candidates at the Council election next Saturday, strong protests were made against the Fever Hospital being used for maternity and other cases owing to the danger of infection.

The meeting strongly condemned the present system of public health in Willesden, and unanimously decided to support the Association's candidates, who demand that in the Isolation Hospital only fever or isolation cases should be dealt with, and that maternity and all other cases should be treated in the Park Royal Hospital, now in the occupation of the Board of Guardians. They advocate co-operation between the two bodies.

NO WOMAN DIETITIAN INCLUDED.

The Board of Control have, with the approval of Sir Alfred Mond, the Minister of Health, appointed a committee, to consider the dietaries in county and borough mental hospitals, and to report what changes, if any, are desirable and whether a minimum dietary scale should be fixed.

No woman dietitian was appointed on it.

BRAIN DIET.

A common-sense feeding system in public schools and other educational institutions where students live in is being advocated by the Food Education Society. Investigations have shown that at schools in which particular attention is paid to diet the general standard of achievement is highest.

On Friday, April 7th, at 5.30 p.m., Miss Muncaster is to lecture in the Council Chamber, Caxton Hall, Westminster, S.W., on the subject of feeding in institutions, with special reference to school diet.

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