

studies and care in taking lecture notes.—Central Midwives' Board course: Nurse Edith King. Third year's course of lectures: Nurse Edith King. Second year's course of lectures: 1, Nurse Elizabeth Grimshaw; 2, Nurse May Currie; 3, Nurse Lilian Elizabeth Warner. First year's course of lectures: 1, Nurse Madeleine Jane Sandercock; 2, Nurse Elizabeth Lucy Woodard; 3, Nurse Bertha Cope.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**Groundslow Sanatorium, Staffordshire.**—Miss Edith Humphrey has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Bagthorpe Infirmary, Nottingham, and has been Sister at the General Hospital, Kettering, Ward, Night and Housekeeping Sister at the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, and Home and Sister-Tutor at the Bagthorpe Infirmary. As a member of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve she worked at the Victoria Hospital, Netley, during the war. She is a certified midwife.

### HOME SISTER.

**Victoria Hospital, Blackpool.**—Miss Susan Hall, A.R.R.C., has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained at the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, at the Monsall Fever Hospital, Manchester, at the City of London Maternity Hospital, and in housekeeping at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C. She has been Sister at the East Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich, and at the Plaistow Hospital, London, and worked abroad in connection with Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service as Theatre Sister, and Night Sister. She has been Holiday Housekeeping Sister at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C.

### SISTER.

**Children's Hospital, Sheffield.**—Miss Elsie Bloor has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the District Infirmary and Children's Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne, and at the Borough Isolation Hospital, Derby. She has been Staff Nurse at the Penistone Isolation Hospital.

### HEALTH VISITOR.

**Berkshire County Council.**—Miss G. M. Lucas has been appointed Health Visitor and School Nurse. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and the City Fever Hospital, Coventry, and is a certified midwife. She has held the position of School Nurse, District Nurse, and Health Visitor at Fernhurst, Sussex.

Miss O. Webb has been appointed Health Visitor and School Nurse under the same authority. She was trained at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C., and at the Garrett Anderson Hospital, Euston Road, W.C., and is a Certified Midwife. She has had experience as Health Visitor, District Nurse, and School Nurse.

## PRESENTATION.

Miss Dunster, who recently resigned the position of District Nurse at Leckhampton after twelve years' service, has been presented with an illuminated address and gold wristlet watch as a token of appreciation of her valued service and kindness. Miss Dunster was also the recipient of a handsome leather suit case from the Chairman of the Association and Mrs. Morison, and of a silver-mounted purse from the Girl Guides, in whom she had taken a great interest.

## LITTLE CUCKOO FLOWER.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was passed at North London, on August 19th, as reported in the press, on George Smith, 29, hawker, of Bow Road, for assaulting a five-year-old girl on Mill Fields, Clapton. It was stated that when the mother of the child spoke to Smith he ran away. Prisoner pleaded that he was sitting quietly on a seat when several children climbed on to him and he caught hold of the little girl to prevent her falling. The magistrate remarked that the evidence was clear, and only smart sentences would stop such conduct on the part of men like prisoner.

Appearing in the dock at Manchester recently, with both eyes blackened, his face cut and scratched, and minus a piece from one of his ears, Arthur Towler, 41, of Birch Street, Ardwick, was sentenced to three months' hard labour for improperly assaulting a four-year-old girl.

Consequent on Towler's behaviour towards the child hundreds of infuriated men and women, it was stated, gathered in the vicinity of his house. Towler would have been more severely handled had the police not been apprised by telephone what was occurring, and a number of plain-clothes officers were rushed to the scene. On arrival there the police had to force their way through the angry crowd, so fiercely did the people at first resent any attempt to "rescue" the man.

Week by week there are recorded in the press cases of the violation of little children—well nigh babies—by blackguards who, when brought to justice, should receive exemplary sentences; for, for one case brought into court there is little doubt many occur which are never heard of. Can we wonder when, as recently, a porter of West Ham was convicted of improperly assaulting a little girl of eight, and was sentenced to two months' imprisonment! Legislation is urgently needed for the protection of child-life, enabling magistrates to deal much more drastically than at present with ruffians convicted of crimes of this nature, and meanwhile sentences of the utmost severity permitted should be imposed.

The following case, though not referring to a little child, is particularly scandalous:—

Father of five young children, Richard Bates was charged at Crewe with assaulting Sarah Clarke, laundry-maid at Baguley Sanatorium, near Manchester. Superintendent Owen stated that at midnight complainant arrived at Crewe on a holiday. As she was going along Mill Street defendant rushed out from an entry, jumped on her back, threw her down, and dragged her hat over her eyes. She screamed, whereupon he seized her by the throat and almost strangled her. Her

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