

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**Convalescent Home for Children, Blackwell.**—Miss F. M. C. Baker has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, and the Poor Children's Convalescent Home, St. Leonards. She has been Assistant Matron at the Princess Louise Convalescent Home, Kingston, and had experience in private nursing both at home and abroad.

### NIGHT SISTER.

**City of Cardiff Mental Hospital, Whitchurch, near Cardiff.**—Miss Laura Nicholas has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, and has since had experience at the Park Hospital, Lewisham, and as a Queen's Nurse in Gloucester.

### DISTRICT SISTER TO THE MATERNITY DEPT.

**Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End, Stratford.**—Miss Annie Pavy has been appointed District Sister to the Maternity Department, where she received midwifery training. Miss Pavy has recently been Sister for nearly two years at the Aberdeen Maternity Hospital.

## PRESENTATION.

For something like two and a half years Miss N. Gregson has been officially known at the Town Hospital, Guernsey, as the Sister-in-Charge of the Infirmary. She has now resigned and is soon to be married. A concert and dance was organised to bid her farewell, and this was attended by members of the House Committee, staff and their friends.

Staff-Nurse McCarthy, in a well-chosen speech, presented Sister Gregson with a gift of a case of fish-knives and forks, suitably inscribed, from the staff, for which she expressed warm gratitude.

Staff-Nurse McCarthy has been appointed to the position of Sister-in-Charge.

### BEQUESTS TO THREE NURSES.

Miss Emily Maude Embleton, of Methley, near Leeds, who left £372,649, made a number of bequests to employees and others, including:—

£1,500 and her clothing to Nurse Annie Robinson; £100 to Nurse Mary McLeod; and £200 to Nurse Janet Garrett.

## HOW THE REGISTRATION ACTS WERE WON.

### IT COULDN'T BE DONE.

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,  
But he with a chuckle replied  
That maybe it couldn't, but he would be one,  
Who wouldn't say so till he tried.  
So he buckled right in, with the trace of a grin  
On his face—if he suffered, he hid it;  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done—and he did it!

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,  
Thousands to prophecy failure,  
Thousands to name for you one by one  
The dangers that wait to assail you!  
But just buckle in, with the trace of a grin,  
Then take off your coat and go to it,  
And start in to sing as you tackle the thing  
That cannot be done—and you'll do it!

—San Francisco Bulletin.

## THE ANÆSTHETIST'S DUTY.

It was explained at an inquest at Watford, Hertfordshire, on Monday, according to the *Daily Mail*, that a mistake in putting together an anæsthetising apparatus had led to the death of a patient in the Watford District Hospital.

The patient, Annie Eliza Fishburn, 25, was to have undergone an operation to the nose. In such cases a special apparatus was used, which should deliver a spray of chloroform vapour into the mouth.

A woman doctor who administered the chloroform said that she thought the apparatus was in order when it was handed to her by a member of the hospital staff, but when she began using it she was horrified to find that it had been wrongly put together, and instead of chloroform vapour was sending pure chloroform into the girl's mouth. Artificial respiration was tried for an hour, but without success.

The jury returned a verdict of death from misadventure, adding a rider that in future the theatre sister should be responsible for all apparatus and instruments used in the operating theatre.

We do not agree with this rider of the jury. In our opinion the anæsthetist is the person who should be made responsible that any apparatus to be used is in perfect order before applying it to the patient. It is the duty of a theatre sister to cleanse and sterilise instruments and apparatus, but the surgeons' and the anæsthetists' duty to inspect them before use. In the case reported above we hold that had the medical women carefully inspected the anæsthetising apparatus and seen that it was in order, "death from misadventure" would not have occurred.

"Bishop Taylor, Canon of Windsor, preaching recently in connection with the 800th anniversary of St. Bartholomew's Priory Church, E.C., said as reported under Ecclesiastical News in the *Times*, that the monks who founded that church in 1123 were employers—agriculturists—and their houses and schools found medicine for the sick and food for the needy. They had no fewer than 175 houses at the time of the Dissolution. St. Mary Overy, like St. Bartholomew's, had its hospital, named after Thomas à Becket; and it stood at the Surrey end of Westminster Bridge. These two great hospitals—St. Bartholomew and St. Thomas—were witnesses of the zeal which coupled the preaching of the Gospel with the healing of the sick. The work of restoring every portion of that ancient fabric was now being done by wise and reverent hands; and it might be that one day the door through which they passed from the street into the church would again be the south aisle door of the nave. Anyone who had seen the rising again of St. Saviour's, Southwark, out of its degradation to a life of service would be ready to say that a like restoration was not impossible at that priory church."

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