

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Devizes and District Hospital.—Miss E. Rixon, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, where she held the positions of Home Sister and Sister-Tutor.

County Borough Tuberculosis Dispensary, Bury.—Miss Jessie Mayers, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Union Infirmary, Birkenhead, and has held the positions of Staff Nurse at the Horton War Hospital, Epsom, and Sister at Bury Tuberculosis Dispensary.

Edward Hain Memorial Cottage Hospital, St. Ives.—Miss Ellen Edsall Burch, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Truro, where she subsequently held the position of Sister. During the war she served as a member of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve. Recently she has held the position of Sister at the Royal Albert Hospital, Devonport.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Royal Hospital for Incurables, Donnybrook, Dublin.—Miss Annie Morton, R.G.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Richmond, Whitworth and Hardwick Hospitals, Dublin, and has been Sister at the Whitworth Hospital for five and a-half years.

NURSE-MATRON.

War Memorial Hospital Cottage Hospital, Waltham Abbey.—Miss E. A. Lowry, S.R.N., has been appointed Nurse-Matron. She was trained at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne; and has been Sister under the Metropolitan Asylums Board; Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Wallington; and Night Sister at Brighton Sanatorium.

SUPERINTENDENT-NURSE.

The Infirmary, Longfleet Gardens, Poole.—Miss Clara Ingham has been appointed Superintendent-Nurse. She was trained at the Staincliff Infirmary, Dewsbury, and has been Head Nurse at the Hambledon Union. She is a Certified Midwife.

SISTER-TUTOR.

Whitechapel Infirmary, E.—Miss Josephine Carew, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister-Tutor. She was trained at Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool, and has held the position of Sister at the Grove Hospital, Tooting, Theatre and Massage Sister at Edmonton Infirmary, Massage and X-Ray Sister at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, Home Sister at Dulwich Infirmary, Massage and X-Ray Sister at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, Home Sister at Dulwich Infirmary, Theatre Sister at Neasden Municipal Hospital, Theatre and Massage Sister at Holborn and Finsbury Hospital.

SISTER.

Royal Infirmary, Preston.—Miss Dorothy Hartland, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Gloucester, and during the war served as a member of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve; and has been Matron of the Parkgate Convalescent Home attached to Chester Royal Infirmary. She is a Certified Midwife.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Sarah A. Boneham is appointed to Todmorden, as Senior Nurse; Miss Margaret L. Anderson is appointed to Wheatley Hill; Miss Annie Baillie to Kettering; Miss Effie Dolman to Wolverley; Miss Lillian F. Gallott to Bath; Miss Edith M. Hall to Shoeburyness; Miss Elizabeth A. Hope to Scarborough;

Miss Hilda Hill to Maidenhead; Miss Margaret H. Lambe to Clacton; Miss Alice Marshall to Stockport; Miss May A. Smith to Waltham Holy Cross.

WEDDING BELLS.

The engagement is announced of Mrs. L. A. Starr to Major G. E. C. Underhill, 1st Punjab. Mrs. Starr is a nurse at the C.M.S. Mission Hospital, Peshawar, and in 1915 married Dr. V. H. Starr, who was stabbed by frontier tribesmen there in her presence, and died of his wounds. Yet she set out in search of Miss Mollie Ellis last April without a male escort and rescued her from Afghanistan after she had been kidnapped from her father's bungalow at Lohat. For her action she was awarded the Kaisar-i-Hind gold medal, and received the life-saving medal of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England. The daughter of the Rev. T. Russell Wade, a C.M.S. missionary in India, she took up medical missionary work at Peshawar in 1913, fifty years after her father had started his labours there.

THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

A delightful meeting between the ladies accompanying the Dominion Delegates to the Imperial Conference, and prominent women of this country, took place at the Hyde Park Hotel on Tuesday afternoon, November 12th, under the auspices of the National Women Citizens' Associations.

The speech made by Lady Rhondda was most interesting; the only matter for regret being that the speeches of our visitors were not long enough. However, it was nice to have had the pleasure of seeing and talking to our sisters from overseas, and we can heartily endorse Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon's wishes for closer union and a safe voyage home.

A MEMBER OF THE P.U.T.N. WHO WAS THERE.

The Professional Union of Trained Nurses has lately been represented on a deputation to the Minister of Health *re* lunacy reform. The Mental Treatment Bill, which received a third reading in the House on June 19th, contains clauses which, unless modified, may lead to a still further curtailment of the rights of individuals.

The main object of the deputation was to ask that the Bill should be postponed until a Royal Commission, composed of impartial persons—not a Departmental inquiry composed largely of visiting committees and asylum medical superintendents, such as was appointed last year—had been set up, to hold a full enquiry into the administration under the present Lunacy Laws.

Exception was specially taken to Clause 4 of the Bill, which might introduce a totally new principle into English Law, *i.e.*, that a person could be deprived and detained against his will in an asylum or other institution *without first being certified insane*.

There can be but little doubt that there is room for improvement in our treatment of Mental patients, and many Societies are pressing for an enquiry before further Bills become law.

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