

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Herefordshire General Hospital, Hereford.—Miss Anabell Cameron, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Bristol General Hospital, where she was on the private nursing staff, was Sister and Assistant Matron from 1916 to date.

Kincardineshire Isolation Hospital, Stonehaven.—Miss Janet MacHardy, R.G.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, and at the Isolation Hospital in the same city, and has held the position of Sister at the Seafield Hospital, Ayr.

The Hospital, Forres Leanoil.—Miss Annie B. Mair has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Paisley, and has had experience of military nursing, and has been Matron of the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Elgin.

Cottage Hospital, Ballymena, co. Antrim.—Miss M. O. Simpson has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, and worked during the war, at home and abroad, as a Staff Nurse and Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nurse Service Reserve. She has also held the position of Sister in the Ministry of Pensions Nursing Service.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Bracebridge Mental Hospital, Lincolnshire.—Miss J. Margaret Dagg has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at The Retreat, York, and has been Staff Nurse at the War Hospital, Whitchurch, Glam., and at the Munition Factory, Chittening, near Bristol; Sister at Parkside Asylum, Macclesfield, and Ward Sister at the Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow.

THEATRE SISTER.

North Herts and South Beds Hospital, Hitchin.—Miss Clara D. Penticost, S.R.N., has been appointed Theatre Sister. She was trained at the Prince of Wales General Hospital, Tottenham, the Park Hospital, Lewisham, and the City Maternity Home, Lincoln. She is a Certified Midwife, and has held the position of Midwife at the Norwich Maternity Institution.

SISTER.

Queen Mary's Hospital for Children, Carshalton, Surrey.—Miss Elsie Irene Jacob has been appointed Sister on the permanent staff. She was trained for three years at Queen Mary's Hospital for Children, Carshalton, and after working at the Earl's Court Refugee Camp entered Charing Cross Hospital for training; upon receiving her certificate, she was appointed Sister at the County Hospital, Hereford. Recently she has been doing temporary duty as Sister at Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton.

SUPERINTENDENT SCHOOL NURSE.

Education Committee, Walthamstow.—Miss Mary Gregory White, S.R.N., has been appointed Superintendent School Nurse. She was trained at Westminster Hospital, and at Bristol Hospital for Women and Children, and is a Certified Midwife. She served abroad during the war as a member of the Territorial Force Nursing Service, and has been Assistant Matron at the National Hospital, W.C., Matron at the Horsham Cottage Hospital, School Nurse and Health Visitor at Oxford, and Acting Superintendent of St. Luke's Infant Welfare Centre, Peckham.

NURSING IN VICTORIA.

HOPE DEFERRED ONCE AGAIN.

We sincerely sympathise with our colleagues in Victoria. *Una* reports that the resignation of the former Lawson Government marked the end of the Nurses' Registration Bill, which was introduced by Mr. Baird, the former Chief Secretary.

Mr. Baird's Bill contained one great blot. It provided for the administration of the Act by a Board of seven persons, one only of whom must be a "registered nurse."

It is imperative for the status of nurses in Victoria that Nurses' Registration should be enforced—providing for reciprocity throughout the Empire—and we are of opinion that if the rank and file of the profession would wake up in Victoria and demand legislation, they would get it. It is time the medical profession and hospital governors ceased to hand feed the nursing profession in the Commonwealth—and encouraged them to do for themselves. Every other class of woman worker is given this freedom. Why not trained nurses?

A MENTAL NURSES REGISTER.

Some matrons in Victoria are apparently as intolerant of nurses forming a Trade Union as they are in England—to judge from the following discussion at the Annual Meeting of the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses Association, reported in *Una*. It was moved that a mental nursing branch of the Association be formed under such conditions as may be prescribed by the Council.

During the discussion, Miss Bell, Matron of the Melbourne Hospital, said she was in sympathy with the idea of having a Mental Nurses' Register, but at the same time she thought that the Mental Nurse, Asylum and Hospital employees as a whole were formed into a Union now. In the event of the Mental Nurses becoming registered under the R.V.T.N.A., would that necessarily imply that they would also be members of the Hospital and Asylum Employees' Union, because she did not think this would be in the best interests of the R.V.T.N.A.

Dr. Vance said that they would simply join as individual members of the Association, and would have nothing to do with the Hospital and Asylums Union.

Miss Bell went on to explain that the maids in the hospitals were members of the Union, and she understood that the mental asylum employees as a whole were in the Union. If the Mental Nurses wished to become members of the R.V.T.N.A. then she thought they should be members of the R.V.T.N.A. alone. She did not think they could belong to the two bodies.

Dr. Zwar said he did not think the fact of their belonging to the Hospital and Asylums Union should be a bar to these Nurses joining the R.V.T.N.A. This matter, however, could be left to the Council.

Dr. Vance said that at the present moment there was a Union of medical men in Government

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