

*Scotland*.—Mary A. Alderson, Isabella G. Beattie, Catherine W. C. Boyd, Susan D. Brown, Flora C. Cairns, Iverie J. Foote, Anne O. Gemmell, Sarah Hall, Helen Killoran, Isabella Learmond, Margaret W. W. McArthur, Elizabeth McNab, Jane C. Maltman, Elizabeth J. Pratt, Mary F. Thomson, Bathie A. Cruden, Anna Walker, Rachel A. Stobie, Joan Mackenzie, Constance Macdonald, Jeannie Hutton, Mary J. Clessby.

*Ireland*.—Margaret M. Higgins, Margaret Keenan, Mary Kelly, Brigid O'Hanlon, Winifred D. Armitage.

## METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD.

### PROBATIONER NURSES—ORDER OF MERIT AND AWARD OF MEDALS.

The changes in the methods of conducting examinations for probationer nurses in the infectious hospitals and children's services of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, which will come into force somewhere about the end of the year 1925 (after which candidates will be expected to sit for the State Examinations held by the General Nursing Council), will necessitate a new system for awarding the medals in these branches of the service, as the examination marks will not be published. It has been decided that the system shall take the form of a second test for each branch, conducted by examiners selected from the Board's own staff, and that it shall be confined to three probationers from each hospital who have passed the independent examination, and are selected by the medical superintendent and matron on their records of work and conduct during their period of training.

The three candidates sent up from each hospital are to be presented in order of merit, the first being automatically credited with 100 marks, the second with 90, and the third with 80. The test will consist of a written paper carrying a maximum of 100 marks, and a practical and viva voce examination with a maximum of 200 marks, making a possible total (including marks for work and good conduct) of 400, and the medals will be awarded on the total marks obtained, provided that the existing percentages are reached.

The examination, on the lines outlined above, will practically represent an "honours" examination, and will replace the one now existent, and, since the number of candidates will be largely reduced, it will make it possible for each candidate to be examined by the examiners conjointly, instead of each taking half of the candidates, as at present. The principle of marks being awarded for work and conduct by the Medical Superintendent and Matron concerned will be retained, although the method and standard of marking will be somewhat different. It has been decided to institute a silver medal for the medical tuberculosis service, which has not hitherto had one, and the method of awarding it will be similar to the new one for the infectious hospitals and children's services.

In the case of the surgical tuberculosis service, a second test will not be necessary, as the examiner is engaged by the Board, and the marks which he awards can be obtained from him.

Before the examiners' report is published, each hospital will forward the names of three candidates chosen on their record of work and good conduct, and credited with marks in the way described above. To these marks will be added those given by the examiner and the medal awarded on the totals, subject to the existing percentage being obtained.

On the discontinuance of the certificate of two years' training at Queen Mary's Hospital for Children, the award of a bronze medal for competition by two-year probationers will cease.

It has also been decided not to proceed with the proposal to award a bronze medal on the preliminary examination in the surgical tuberculosis service.

The printed regulations for the engagement, training and certification of probationers will be amended in accordance with the foregoing decisions, and copies will be circulated. The dates on which the new schemes are to come into operation will be notified in due course.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

*The Worthing Hospital, Worthing*.—Miss Elsie Collard, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained and certificated at the Royal Northern Hospital from 1915 to 1919, passing the final examination "with distinction," obtaining highest marks in both the medical and surgical examinations, and being awarded the Hospital's Silver Medal by the Board of Management. She was in charge of one of the Royal Northern Hospital Wards, closed temporarily for lack of funds, and at the time of her appointment to the Matronship at Worthing was temporarily in charge of the new Casualty Department at the Royal Northern. She is a Certified Midwife.

*Smallpox Hospital, Sutton, nr. Hull*.—Miss M. J. Stewart has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the City Hospital, and at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. During the Great War she served for a time as a member of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve, and is at present Matron of the Preston, Fulwood, and Longridge Joint Hospital.

*Infectious Diseases' Hospital, Peterhead*.—Miss M. D. Fergusson Scott has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Birmingham Infirmary, and has been attached to the Edinburgh Nurses' Association.

### FIRST ASSISTANT MATRON.

*Greenwich Union, Woolwich Road, S.E. 10*.—Miss Margaret Lawrence has been appointed First Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Southwark Hospital, and has been Staff Nurse at the Brook Hospital, M.A.B., Ward Sister under the Birmingham Guardians, and Night Superintendent Nurse and Maternity Nurse at the Forest Gate Sick Home, under the West Ham Guardians.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

*Darenth Training Colony, Dartford, Kent*.—Miss Elizabeth Atkinson, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the West Herts Hospital, the Maternity Hospital, Glasgow, and the Lancaster Mental Hospital. She has been Sister-in-Charge at the Jessop Hospital, Sheffield, Staff Nurse and Acting-Sister T.F.N.S. in hospitals at Cambridge and Salonika from January, 1915, to June, 1919, and Charge Sister and Night Superintendent in Ministry of Pensions' Hospitals in London, Exeter, and Gretna Green.

### SISTER-TUTOR

*North-Eastern Hospital, Tottenham*.—Miss Doris M. Bennett, S.R.N., has been appointed Tutor Sister. She received her training at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, where she was Gold Medallist of her year. She was Sister at the South-Western Hospital from June, 1923, to August, 1924, and holds the Certificate of the M.A.B.

*Western Hospital, Fulham*.—Miss Mary M. Grenham, S.R.N., has been appointed Tutor Sister. She received her training at the London Hospital, and was Sister at the South-Western Hospital from July, 1922, to August, 1924, where she obtained the M.A.B. Certificate.

*Wolverhampton and Staffordshire Hospital, Wolverhampton*.—Miss L. H. Williams has been appointed Sister-Tutor. She was trained at the London Hospital, and has been Ward Sister, Theatre Sister, and Sister-Tutor at the Hospital, Tunbridge Wells.

### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Miss M. B. Page to be Staff Nurse, January 7, 1924.

### RESIGNATIONS.

Miss E. M. Edwards, S.R.N., has resigned the position of Matron at the Leeds Maternity Hospital.

Many nurses who trained at the Firvale Infirmary, Sheffield, will learn with regret that the Matron, Mrs. A. C. Lawson, who has held this position for 30 years, has placed her resignation in the hands of the Guardians on the ground of ill-health.

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