

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

St. Paul's Hospital for Skin and Genito-Urinary Diseases, Endell Street, W.C.2.—Miss M. B. Rankin has been appointed Matron. She received her general training at King's College Hospital, previous medical training at Victoria Park Hospital, and house-keeping training at King's College Hospital. Miss Rankin has seen service at home and in France with the Territorial Force Nursing Service; has been Sister at Princess Mary's Hospital, Cliftonville, Margate; Sister at Victoria Park Hospital, London; Assistant Housekeeper and Sister Housekeeper at Charing Cross Hospital.

Kettering and District General Hospital.—Miss L. A. Waterer, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the London Hospital, and has held the post of Matron at the Colonial Hospital, Gibraltar.

Princess Alice Hospital, Eastbourne.—Miss B. MacDonald, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and was Matron of the Royal Albert Hospital, Devonport.

City of Bath Infectious Diseases Hospital.—Miss Lilian Howse Lane has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, London, and Fever Hospital Tooting, and has been Matron of Tolworth Isolation Hospital, Surbiton, and Matron of Maidenhead Isolation Hospital.

HOUSEKEEPING SISTER.

South London Hospital for Women, South Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.—Miss F. Hallam, has been appointed House-keeping Sister. She was trained at the General Hospital, Nottingham, and has been Staff Nurse at the Brompton Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, and at the South London Hospital for Women.

HOME SISTER.

South London Hospital for Women, South Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.—Miss J. Bewick has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland, and has been Ward Sister, Ophthalmic Sister and Housekeeping Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Truro, and Housekeeping Sister at the South London Hospital for Women.

SISTER-TUTOR.

Chelmsford and Essex Hospital.—Miss L. Stratton, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham, and was Staff Nurse and Sister in England and Mesopotamia under Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve; Sister in Charge of Grantham Hospital; Sister in Charge of General Hospital, Boston; Theatre and Ward Sister, High Teams Hospital, Gateshead; and Night Superintendent at West Herts Hospital, Hemel Hempstead. Miss Stratton holds the Certificate of the Central Midwives' Board.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

Greenwich and Deptford Hospital.—Miss B. M. Gillespie, S.R.N., has been appointed Night Superintendent. She was trained at this Hospital, and has since been Ward Sister there. Miss Gillespie holds the Certificate of the Central Midwives' Board.

WARD SISTER.

Greenwich and Deptford Hospital.—Miss M. Dawson, S.R.N., has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at this Hospital where she has been Pupil Midwife and Staff Nurse.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Miss I. N. Sansom to be Staff Nurse: Sept. 1st, 1925.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MILITARY FAMILIES' NURSING SERVICE.

Miss N. A. Buck to be Staff Nurse: Sept. 8th, 1925.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MILITARY NURSING SERVICE FOR INDIA

The following promotions have been made:—Sen. Nursing Sisters to be Lady Superintendents: Miss K. Cawley, Dec. 17th, 1925; Miss I. L. Harrison, Dec. 22nd, 1925. Nursing Sisters to be Sen. Nursing Sisters:—Miss D. West, R.R.C., Dec. 17th, 1925; Miss E. Moriarty, Dec. 22nd, 1925.

THE PASSING BELL.

The announcement of the death on April 14th of Miss Susa Maria Marsters, S.R.N., Superintendent of the Paddington and St. Marylebone District Nursing Association at the age of 64 came as a painful surprise to many of her friends, for since a very serious operation some two years ago from which she made a good recovery, she took up her work again with renewed energy, and her final illness was brief.

Miss Marsters was trained and certificated at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, and was then Matron of the Mildenhall Cottage Hospital for three years. In 1896 she trained for District Work, and held the position of Senior Nurse in connection with the North London Nursing Association. In 1900 she was appointed Superintendent of the Hampstead District Nursing Association, affiliated to Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, and from 1901 to the time of her death was Superintendent of the Paddington and St. Marylebone District Nursing Association, also affiliated to Q.V. J.I. She was a keen social worker, and served on the Committees of a number of organisations with which her professional duties brought her into contact. In 1924 she was awarded the gold (long service) Badge of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute a recognition which she highly prized. In addition she held the Health Visitors' Certificate, and the Sanitary Inspectors' Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute, and was an approved Lecturer for the London County Council and the British Red Cross Society. She allied herself with Societies working to obtain State Registration of Nurses—the Royal British Nurses' Association, the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, the Society for the State Registration of Nurses, and actively supported and worked to promote their propaganda. She was also a Certified Midwife, and a member of the Council of the Midwives' Institute.

She was interred at the Willesden Cemetery on April 17th, the first part of the service being held at St. Saviour's Church Warwick Avenue, W., and rarely have we attended one more beautiful. The quiet dignity which characterised it, and the consoling strains of the first voluntary "O Rest in the Lord" radiated an atmosphere of peace, as one thought with thankfulness of the well spent busy life of our friend lying now so quietly before the chancel steps, under the beautiful cross of lilies, which lay on the coffin, the tribute of her nursing staff, and surrounded by wreaths, sent by Queen's Superintendents, and others connected with the Institute, and many relatives and friends. The service was largely attended, the Royal British Nurses Association being represented by Miss Elma Smith, S.R.N. and the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain by Miss Margaret Breay, S.R.N. Outside the church one noticed many of the poor of the locality, with babies in their arms, and little children beside them, waiting to see the last of their helper and friend, who now rests from her labours, and whose works do follow her.

On April 21st there passed away, at the age of 78, Miss Anne Campbell Gibson, S.R.N., the last surviving daughter of Mr John Gibson, of Merchiston Castle, Edinburgh, who trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, from 1883-1886, and was a well known personality in the nursing world. She was probably best known as the Matron for many years of the Birmingham Poor Law Infirmary, an excellent organiser, and a forceful speaker and writer on poor-law nursing. She was keenly interested in the efficient care of the sick under the poor-law, and advocated the affiliation of small infirmaries with the larger ones as a means to this end. She was a certified midwife, and has been President of the Midwives' Institute for a number of years.

A memorial service was held in the private Chapel at St. Thomas' Hospital on April 26th, and the interment took place privately in Edinburgh.

It was by the express wish of Miss Florence Nightingale that Miss Gibson's interest and work was directed to Poor Law Nursing, for Miss Nightingale told her that, wherever the need was, there must be a Nightingale Nurse to meet it. It was in that spirit that heroic and ardent Agnes Jones—also trained at St. Thomas'—became the first Lady Superintendent of the Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool, and laid down her life in furthering the work to which she had devoted it, and which Miss Gibson later carried on.

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