

APPOINTMENTS.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

Holloway Prison, Holloway Road, London, N.—Miss B. Carden, S.R.N., has been appointed Hospital Lady Superintendent. She was trained at the London Hospital. Miss Carden has also been Health Visitor under the Cheshire County Council and Superintendent at South Islington Welfare Centre.

MATRONS.

National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic, Queen Square, W.C.—Miss Annie E. Billington has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, where she was later First Assistant Matron. Miss Billington has also been Assistant Matron at the 2nd Northern General Hospital.

London Female Lock Hospital, Harrow Road, W.—Miss M. L. Dawson, S.R.N. has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, and has been Assistant Matron of North Middlesex Hospital, Edmonton; Matron of Dufferin Hospital, Rangoon; and Matron of Fareham House Hospital.

Fermanagh County Hospital, Enniskillen.—Miss M. Stanley has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Hospital, Birmingham, and has been Matron at the Cottage Hospital, Mold, N. Wales, and Crickhowell War Memorial Hospital, S. Wales.

Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Memorial Hospital, Tientsin.—Miss Jessie Monroe Kirkpatrick, S.R.N., has been appointed Lady Superintendent of Nurses and Matron. She was trained at the David Lewis Northern Hospital, Liverpool, and has been Matron of the General Hospital, Kettering.

SISTER-TUTOR.

Royal Halifax Infirmary.—Miss Eva Milner, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, where she was Sister of the Men's Medical Ward for two years. Miss Milner gained the Nursing Diploma at Leeds University in 1924.

General Hospital, Northampton.—Miss Christobel M. Courtenay, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, London, and received a Housekeeping and Administrative Course at the General Hospital, Northampton. Miss Courtenay has also been Theatre Staff Nurse, Prince of Wales' Hospital, Cardiff; Surgical Ward Sister, Royal Infirmary, Cardiff; Laundry Sister, General Hospital, Northampton; and Night Sister, District Infirmary, Ashton-under-Lyne.

LEGACIES TO NURSES.

The Right Hon. Olivia Charlotte Lady Ardilaun of Dublin, left £100 to her district nurse, Helena Callory.

Mr. Joseph Jackson, Newcastle-on-Tyne, left £1,000 to Miss Fanny Barrie Robertson, for many years his nurse.

THE PASSING BELL.

We regret to record the deaths of two members of the Nursing Profession at the early age of thirty, and offer our sincere sympathy to their relatives.

YORKE.—On March 12th, at St. Thomas's Hospital, Marianna Augusta (Sister Louise), third daughter of J. Y. Yorke, Langton, Pembrokeshire, aged 30, and

On March 10th, Miss Esther Ellen Henry, aged 30, a Queen's Nurse, who died from injuries received in a collision with a motor-car while cycling at Dalston. Her brother who had come over from Ireland, said at the inquest on March 19, that he learned of the accident as the result of a message broadcast from 2LO.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES AND MEDALS.

Queen's Hospital, Birmingham.

Mr. C. Grant Robertson, Principal of Birmingham University, recently presented the medals and prizes to those who had gained them in the examinations at the Queen's Hospital.

The Chairman of the Committee of Management, Mr. J. Glaisyer, who presided, expressed his pleasure at the success attained by the nurses in the last State Examinations. In the Preliminary Examination 44 entered and 43 passed,

and in the Final Examination 14 entered and all passed. He thought this a splendid record. In the hospital Final Examination 16 nurses entered and all passed.

The medals and prizes awarded were as follows:—Hospital final examination: Gold medal, Nurse Buchanan, with 571 marks out of a possible 700; silver medal, Nurse Walton, with 567 marks out of a possible 700. Intermediate examination: Nurse Leak with 177 marks out of a possible 200. First year examination: Nurse Williams, with 269 marks out of a possible 300; and Nurse Banks, with 250 marks out of a possible 300.

In making the presentations the Principal of the University spoke highly of the work done and services rendered by the nursing staff. A hospital, he said, could be considered from three aspects. (1) It was a laboratory for the extension of scientific knowledge; (2) an institution for the conquest of disease and the relief of human suffering; and (3) a school wherein knowledge could be properly taught and imparted to medical students and others. The nurse's profession belonged to all three functions. It was scientific; it required disciplined training essential for the relief of suffering; and it was also a school of instruction. Nurses were not only members of a scientific profession, but they rendered social services which were connected with the advance of civilisation.

THE CENTRAL POOR LAW CONFERENCE.

At the Central Conference of Poor Law Guardians, held recently at the Guildhall, London, E.C., the Rev. P. S. G. Probert, M.A., President of the Association of Poor Law Unions, who acted as President of the Conference, pleaded that, whatever Government might be in power, it was their duty, as a conference of experts, to assist those in authority and to arrive at wise conclusions rather than to adopt a policy of obstruction. He proposed that Boards of Guardians should be abolished, that a new directly elected and comprehensive authority should be set up which should gather within its field of operation and action all public assistance functions at the expense of the rates, or public funds, as the result of sickness, accident, infirmity, and the public provision made for the prevention and treatment of ill health, and that all functions now exercised by Boards of Guardians should be transferred to the new authority.

Thus, there would be two directly elected and responsible authorities. (1) The Municipal Authority, free to deal with all material matters such as the construction and maintenance of roads, housing, lighting, sewage, &c; and (2) the Public Assistance Authority, dealing with all matters affecting the individual lives of the people.

The Conference carried a Resolution, moved by the Rev. D. Hickey, asking the Government to set up a Commission of Enquiry as to the proposed abolition of Guardians. Reference—the principles of Poor Law in their application to modern social conditions. The Commission to report within six months.

At the conclusion of the Conference, the Central Committee of Poor Law Conferences resolved to request the Minister of Health to receive a deputation of five members of the Committee to place before him points raised during the deliberations of the Delegates. This was subsequently done and the Delegates received by the Minister.

"A good diet," says Miss M. A. Gullan in the "Theory and Practice of Nursing," "is a mixed one, consisting of all classes of food-stuffs in suitable proportions. These food-stuffs are closely interdependent, and have been found to need the presence of each other for their most effective use by the body." Every nurse should study what constitutes a balanced diet and understand why the proportions are necessary.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)