

James Murray's Royal Mental Hospital, Perth.—Miss S. L. Murray has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Victoria Infant Hospital, Glasgow, and at the Crichton Royal Mental Hospital, Dumfries. She has held the position of Assistant Matron, at the Retreat, York, and of Head Nurse at Bailbrook House, Bath.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Prestwood Sanatorium for Men, Staffordshire.—Miss M. Dixon, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings, and at the Ear and Throat Hospital, Brighton. Miss Dixon has served in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service Reserve, both at home and abroad, and was mentioned in despatches. She has been Sister at the Royal National Hospital for Consumption at Ventnor, and Prestwood Sanatorium.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Sister (Acting Matron) Miss C. G. Stronach, R.R.C., to be Acting Principal Matron from July 11, 1917, to March 2nd, 1919. Matron Miss C. G. Stronach, R.R.C., to be Principal Matron, on increase of establishment; December 2nd, 1926.

PRINCESS MARY'S ROYAL AIR FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

Acting Matrons to Matrons.—Senior Sister Miss M. B. Botwood, Sister Miss K. C. Watt.

Senior Sisters to Acting Matrons.—Miss M. Moddre, Miss E. M. Blair.

Sister to Acting Sister.—Miss W. E. Molesworth.

RESIGNATION.

The resignation of Miss Margaret Hogg, C.B.E., of the Matronship of Guy's Hospital will be received with deep regret by the Nursing World, for her tenure of that office has been marked by wise administration and extreme courtesy to all with whom she has come into contact, she has thus added greatly to the popularity of the Nursing School attached to Guy's Hospital.

After completing her training at Guy's in 1908, Miss Hogg held various positions in connection with the hospital until in March, 1914, she was appointed Assistant Matron, and in November, 1916, on the sudden illness of the Matron, Miss L. V. Haughton, she was appointed Acting Matron, and in the following February, Matron of the Hospital.

During the War, Miss Hogg was appointed Principal Matron of the 4th London General Hospital, T.A.N.S., and the honour of Commander of the Order of the British Empire was conferred on her in 1917.

Amongst the Committees and Councils upon which Miss Hogg is at present serving are Q.A.I.M.N.S., Nursing Board, the Voluntary Advisory Board of H.M. Prison, Holloway, the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, the Joint Advisory Committee for the International Course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers in Schools of Nursing, and the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd.

LEGACIES TO NURSES.

Mr. Norman Ernest Parsons, of Bray, Berks, left an annuity of £26 to Nurse Macdonald during spinsterhood. A curious provision we have not observed before in connection with a nurse's legacy.

Mr. Walter Thomas Hindmarsh Radford, of Cornwall Road, S.W., left an annuity of £50 to Miss Amelia Roberts, nurse.

Mrs. M. A. E. Turner, of St. John's Wood, left £500 to her nurse, Miss Rhoda Hill.

Mr. Henry E. Moody, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, left £500 to Miss Annie Powner, nurse.

Mr. Charles Hahn, of Hampstead, left £50 to Nurse Jean Grant, if still in his employ.

Mr. Charles E. Eld, of Seighford Hall, Staffs, left Nurse Maria Gullan £200.

ARMY NURSING SERVICES.

We are officially informed that accumulated leave of absence may now be taken by members of the various Army Nursing Services in any one year up to the maximum amount admissible for 3 years; but the total leave taken in any one year together with the leave (if any) taken in the 2 years immediately preceding must not exceed in the aggregate the amount admissible for 3 years.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Christmas Festivities in both State and Voluntary Hospitals have extended into the present month. They have revealed as usual an extraordinary amount of versatility and talent on the part of the nursing staffs—musical, dramatic and artistic. We regret that we have only space to allude to a few items.

THE ST. MARYLEBONE HOSPITAL.

There was a very large gathering at the Reception at St. Marylebone Hospital, Charles Square, Notting Hill, W., on December 30th, and we came across many friends in the large ward, which had been set aside for the entertainment, as we enjoyed the delightful tea and cakes, most hospitably dispensed by Miss S. J. Cockrell, R.R.C., the Matron, and many willing helpers. When the time came for the curtain to rise on the varied programme arranged by the nursing staff, every seat was filled and numbers had to content themselves with "standing room only." The clever sketches and the music were greatly appreciated by this large gathering.

THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL, TOTTENHAM.

At the Prince of Wales Hospital, Tottenham, the decoration of the wards showed considerable originality; the "Hooper May Ward" really made one shiver, so realistic were its winter time adornments. The long tables were arranged to represent landscapes where snow lay thick on the fir trees and roadside, the only glimmer of warmth coming from a church or a cottage with door invitingly open. From the roof were suspended decorations of silver stars against a blue background, while at the top of the ward, camouflaging an electric light, was a large full moon. In another ward there was a delightful representation of summer. We got no further than its first table, however, where we admired the Lady of Shallot reclining in a boat on a mirrored surface with swans and other emblems of serenity around her. In each of the windows in this ward stood dainty ladies in old time frills and furbelows. In another ward autumn was the theme of decoration, and there was an extravagance of poppies and wheat ears. In the Children's Ward a few dozens of flaxen haired dolls danced round the maypole on the centre table, and in each window was a doll tableau representing some well-known children's story or nursery rhyme.

No doubt the other wards presented just as pleasing a spectacle but at Christmas time we can only enjoy a glimpse here and there of all the manifold efforts to give the patients the happiest memories it is in the power of Nurses to bestow. The Matron, Miss E. T. Bickerton, and the Nursing Staff must have been very gratified by the success which attended their efforts.

THE LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL.

The London Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road, N.W., held its entertainment in the Out-Patient Department, and we have never been present at any "show" where the platform gave evidence of a greater versatility. Two magicians, one purporting to come from the West another from the East, a troupe of singers, a Highland dancer, recitations, and dramatic sketches, made the three hours pass very quickly, and we congratulate the Hospital Staff on the possession of such varied talent. The large audience received a most hospitable welcome from the Matron, Miss Marshall, and other members of the Nursing Staff, and there was every evidence that they thoroughly enjoyed their evening's amusement. The

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