

APPOINTMENTS.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, E.2.—Miss G. A. Allen, S.R.N., has been appointed Lady Superintendent. She was trained at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, and at the Royal Free Hospital, London, where she was later Ward Sister. Miss Allen has also been Home Sister and Assistant Matron at the Queen's Hospital for Children, and is a certified midwife.

MATRON.

"Galloway" Convalescent Hospital for Men; Auxiliary to the Royal Infirmary, Preston.—Miss E. B. Rice, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Preston; the Sanatorium, Burnley; and at the Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham. Miss Rice has held the position of Ward Sister and Night Superintendent, and has been Housekeeping Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Preston. She is a certified midwife.

SISTER TUTOR.

Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.—Miss H. E. B. Kirk, R.G.N., has been appointed Second Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, where she was Night Sister recently, and at the Simpson Memorial Maternity Hospital, Edinburgh. Miss Kirk has also acted as Ward and Theatre Sister at the Victoria Hospital, Damascus. She is a certified midwife, and holds the Leeds University Diploma of Nursing.

ASSISTANT SISTER-TUTOR AND HOME SISTER.

Royal Infirmary, Preston.—Miss S. Weiss, S.R.N., has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, and Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, and has been Sister at the East End Mothers' Home; Sister at Queen Charlotte's Hospital; and District Superintendent at Queen Charlotte's Hospital. Miss Weiss is a certified midwife.

WEDDING BELLS.

The engagement is announced between Mr. John Wynn, R. Signals, elder son of Commander and Mrs. J. Wynn, of Southsea, Hants, and Louise, youngest daughter of the late Mr. J. Jones and Mrs. Jones, of Glenroy, Mill Hill Road, Derby, late of Seifton Court, Ludlow.

LEGACIES TO NURSES.

Mr. Alfred Buxton of Wilmslow, Cheshire, left £500 to Nurse Mary Elizabeth Abraham of Wilmslow.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women of Great Britain will be held at Bournemouth, in the Town Hall, from October 10th to 14th, when the special subject for discussion will be "Women and Public Work." Tickets may be obtained from the Hon. Conference Secretaries, Mrs. Kitching and Mrs. Lefroy, Cairns Memorial House, St. Peter's Road, Bournemouth. Season tickets, including the Conference Handbook, 6s. Single meeting, 1s. Reserved seats for Public Meetings, 2s. 6d. each.

COMING EVENTS.

September 23rd.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales, Monthly Meeting, 20, Portland Place, London, W., 2.30 p.m.

September 24th.—British College of Nurses, Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W., 3 p.m.

October 10th-14th.—National Council of Women, Annual Meeting, Bournemouth.

October 11th and October 18th.—British College of Nurses, Classes on "The Conduct of Business at Committee Meetings—How to take a Chair," etc., by the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1., 5.30 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

A FEW IMPRESSIONS OF THE INTERIM CONFERENCE OF I.C.N., GENEVA, 1927.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM, — From a mountain-top eyrie, the impressions of the recent strenuous week of sessions and social functions take a more concrete form.

One definite impression that is outstanding is one of thanks and respect due to the vision and brain that conceived and brought into being the International Council of Nurses, without which we undoubtedly would not have had the delightful and stimulating week of intercourse with our fellow nurses from all parts of the world, for if we are honest with ourselves we have to admit that many of us who so much enjoyed the Conference were not only apathetic to the Nurses' International movement but actively opposed to it.

This being only an interim conference, and not one with the Grand Council in session, there were fewer of the more advanced topics concerning nursing and nurses discussed; but the whole atmosphere was one of stimulus, particularly to the younger nurses who had turned out in such large numbers, and whom one was so pleased to see there and who added so much to the interest and stimulation by taking active and useful part in the discussions.

We are deeply indebted to the city of Geneva and various institutions for the interest taken in us and the hospitality extended to us, which was wonderful, and which culminated on Sunday in a reception by Dr. Rollier at Leysin, who entertained us so royally, lectured to us and showed us over parts of his wonderful and intensely interesting Clinic. It was a truly glorious day packed almost too full with interest and enjoyment. To get to Leysin we started at 7 a.m. and motored along the French side of Lac Lemman, crossed the Rhone Valley and up the gorgeous "Route de Montaigne," then back along the Swiss side of the lake, a drive none will ever forget. Mont Blanc even showed his sympathy with us by coming from behind his curtain of mist and showing himself in all his glorious splendour.

When one thinks of the number of people of all nationalities and the mass of detail that had to be dealt with in Geneva, one's chief thought and impression is of thanks for the enormous stimulus and interest the Conference has been to all who were present, and who, I feel sure, are now warmly in sympathy with its uplifting ideals.

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PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR OCTOBER.

What is a counter irritant? Name any that you know and the method of their application.

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