

## APPOINTMENTS.

## MATRON.

**Battersea General Hospital, Battersea, London, S.W.**—Miss B. A. Horsman, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Westminster Hospital, London, and at the City Hospital, Bradford. Miss Horsman has been House Masseur and Temporary Out-Patient Sister at the Westminster Hospital; Sister Tutor at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield; and Assistant Matron at the War Memorial Hospital, Woolwich. She holds the Diploma of Nursing and the Sister Tutor's certificate of the Leeds University; the certificate of the C.S.M.M.G., and is an Examiner to the General Nursing Council.

**Home for Blind Babies, Chorley Wood.**—Miss L. Johnstone, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, London; and at the University College Hospital, London. Miss Johnstone has been Ward Sister at the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell; Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.) in France and India; Sister-in-Charge, St. Marylebone Babies' Home, London; Home Sister, Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea, London; and Assistant Matron at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, Euston Road, London.

**Royal Infirmary, Dundee.**—Miss J. S. H. Niccol, R.G.N., A.R.R.C., F.B.C.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, and received her Maternity Training at the Royal Infirmary, Dundee. Miss Niccol has been Ward Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow; was engaged in Private Nursing, 1912-1914; saw War Service at home and abroad from 1914-1919, being mentioned in General Milne's despatches and awarded the R.R.C. (second class); was Junior Assistant Matron at the Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow; Superintendent of Nurses at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow; and Matron of the Seafield Hospital, Ayr. Miss Niccol is a Certified Midwife.

**Bedford Park Sanatorium, Sturt, Adelaide, South Australia.**—Miss C. G. McLean, F.B.C.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Adelaide Hospital, South Australia, and has been Charge Sister there. She did Military Nursing during the Great War in Egypt and France with the Australian Army Nursing Service, and has been Matron of a Soldiers' Sanatorium, and Matron of a Red Cross Convalescent Home in South Australia.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF NURSERY.

**Bethnal Green Children's Home, Leytonstone.**—Miss Hilary H. Riggall, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., has been appointed Superintendent of the Nursery. She was trained at the County Hospital, Lincoln, and at the Maternity Hospital, Birmingham. She is a Certified Midwife.

## HOME SISTER.

**University College Hospital, Gower Street, London, W.C.1.**—Miss Louise M. Allen, S.R.N., R.S.C.N., has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained at the Evelina Hospital, Southwark, and at University College Hospital, and has since been Ward Sister, Night Sister and Out-Patient Sister at the Evelina Hospital.

## SISTER TUTOR.

**Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.**—Miss I. G. McInroy, R.G.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, where she has been Temporary Sister in Charge of the Dietetic Department, and Assistant Sister Tutor. Miss McInroy holds the London University Diploma in Nursing, and is a Certified Midwife.

## THE QUEEN'S INSTITUTE OF DISTRICT NURSING.

Miss C. B. Robb, R.R.C., has been appointed Superintendent of the Scottish Branch of the Queen's Institute. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and received her training in district nursing in Edinburgh. She worked first as a Queen's Nurse and then as an Inspector until 1914, when she was selected for Military Service abroad.

On returning home at the close of the War she was appointed, first Inspector, then County Superintendent for East Sussex, and in 1926 Superintendent of the Irish Branch.

## LEGACIES FOR NURSES.

Mr. Alfred Goldfinger of Mark Lane, E.C., left £50 to Nurse Julia Kent, now or late of St. George's Hospital, "in appreciation of the care and attention which she devoted to me during illness."

Mr. Francis Stanley Holland, of Hove, left £200 to Nurse Irene Rosamond Cowen.

Mr. Arthur Bromley Holmes, M.I.C.E., of East Liverpool, £100 to Nurse Alice Hart.

Miss Matilda Margaret Reid, of Chesterfield Gardens, Hampstead, left £500 to Nurse Isabella Cockburn.

Mrs. Florence Williams, of Budleigh Salterton, left £100 to Nurse Catherine Louisa Bell.

Mrs. Ellen Rusworth, of Lytham, left £800 to Nurse Elizabeth Proctor.

Alderman Thomas Clayton, M.B.E., J.P., of Castle Bromwich, left £50 to Nurse Cooper if still in his employ.

Mrs. Clarissa Slyman, of Stretford, Lancs, left £100 to Nurse Mary Ann Newbury.

Mrs. L. E. Beeston, of Winchester, left £200 to Nurse Alice Ann Joll, and, if with her at the time of her death, £5 for each year of employment.

Miss Agnes Wilson, of Gateshead, left £100 to Nurse Widdowsfield if still in her service.

## LECTURES FOR NURSES.

A series of Lectures organised by the Irish Nurses' Union, 29, South Anne Street, Dublin, the first of which was given by Miss A. Reeves on the International Council of Nurses meeting at Geneva, are being held on Thursdays, 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., at 5, Leinster Street (over Underwood Typewriter Co.), Nassau Street, Dublin.

March 8th.—Radium. Dr. Walter Stevenson.

March 15th.—Puerperal Sepsis. Dr. Tierney.

March 22nd.—School Medical Inspection. Dr. Kerry Reddin.

March 29th.—Infant Feeding. Dr. Brian Crichton.

Further Lectures by Dr. Hennessy, T.D., Dr. Horace Law Dr. Kirkpatrick, Dr. Rowlette, etc.

## LEGAL MATTERS.

The jury at an inquest at Taunton (as reported in the *Taunton Express and Echo*), on Louisa Berry, aged fifty-two years, wife of Mr. F. G. Berry, a clerk in the Taunton G.P.O., returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, the foreman adding, "We consider there must have been neglect on someone's part."

Dr. L. H. C. Birkbeck deposed to operating on deceased at a nursing home in October last to remove a fibroid tumour. Twelve days later she showed signs of internal obstruction from which she partially recovered, but as she did not get well another operation was recommended. This she underwent at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital on February 14th. Witness then found that a large swab or abdominal towel had been left in the abdomen at the first operation, and that this had caused ulceration of the intestine. It seemed likely that the patient would recover, but later there was evidence of serious spread of the ulceration, and a further operation had to be performed. She died, however, the following morning. The third operation disclosed perforation of the small intestine caused by ulceration in four places. The ulceration was due he alleged, to the presence of the swab, which was about 12 in. by 14 in. Dr. Winckworth and Dr. Ellis were present at the first operation, Dr. Winckworth being the anaesthetist.

Replying to the Coroner (Col. D. S. Watson), Dr. Birkbeck said the towels or swabs were done up in bundles of six, and at an operation they were counted before and after the wound was closed. It was not the duty of the operating surgeon to count the towels. In this case it was done by the sister or assistant nurse at the nursing home.

Dr. W. B. Winckworth said he had been present at many operations, and had never known the nurses miss a count. There was always an inquiry at the end of the operation over the number of swabs and towels.

Mr. Francis Gerald Berry, the husband, remarked that he thought it a very serious omission at the nursing home.

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