

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

National Hospital, Queen Square, W.C.—Miss C. U. Tafe, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the University College Hospital, and has since been Assistant Matron at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.

Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter.—Miss A. Stopford Smyth, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, where she has since been Ward Sister and Assistant Sister Tutor, Senior Sister Tutor in charge of the Preliminary Training School, and has done temporary duties as Home Sister, Night Superintendent, and Second Assistant Matron. Miss Smyth holds the Diploma of Nursing of Leeds University, and is a Certified Midwife, and holds Teaching Diplomas in all branches of Domestic Science.

North Ormesby Hospital, Middlesbrough.—Miss A. E. Roberts, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, where she was later Sister of the Women's Surgical Ward. Miss Roberts served in France, 1914-1919, and later returned to her Training School as Sister, Medical and Surgical Wards, Night Sister and Home Sister. She has also held the post of Matron at the Victoria Central Hospital, Wallasey.

Red House Residential Nursery, Cardigan Road, Headingley, Leeds.—Miss A. Kitchen, S.R.N. M.B.C.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Hospital, Chelmsford, and has since been Staff Nurse at the North Eastern Hospital, Tottenham, Staff Nurse at Princess Mary's Hospital, Margate, Sister at the Isolation Hospital, Norwich, Sister at the Downs Hospital, Sutton, Surrey, and Sister at the King Edward VII. Hospital, Rivelin Valley Road, Sheffield.

Holgate Hospital, Middlesbrough.—Mrs. E. Armett, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Fir Vale Hospital, Sheffield, where she was later Staff Nurse and Sister, and during the War Sister in Charge of the Military Wards. Mrs. Armett has also been Sister at the Fever Hospital, Penistone, has been on the Staff of a Nursing Home in Leeds, and has also been Matron at the Primrose Bank Institution, Burnley.

Cumberland and Westmorland Mental Hospital, Carlisle.—Miss C. McCallum, R.G.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Western District Hospital, Glasgow, and has since been Staff Nurse with the British Expeditionary Force in France, and at the 3rd Scottish General Hospital, Glasgow, and Assistant Matron, later Deputy Matron, at Stirling District Mental Hospital, Larbert.

ASSISTANT MATRON AND HOME SISTER.

Isolation Hospital and Sanatorium, Leicester.—Miss E. Lonsdale, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron and Home Sister. She was trained at the General Hospital, Birmingham, and at the City of Leicester Isolation Hospital. Miss Lonsdale has been Ward Sister at the City Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Ward Sister at the Sanatorium, Blackpool, Night Sister and Matron's Assistant at the County Hospital, Motherwell. She is a Certified Midwife.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

Monyhull Colony, Birmingham.—Miss R. A. Speight, S.R.N., has been appointed Night Superintendent. She was trained at the Bagthorpe Infirmary, Nottingham, and has been Sister at the White Rose Hospital, Wakefield. Miss Speight is a Certified Midwife.

Monyhull Colony, Birmingham.—Miss M. A. D. Sutherland, S.R.N., has been appointed Night Superintendent. She was trained at the Bagthorpe Infirmary, Nottingham, and has been Sister at the White Rose Hospital, Wakefield. Miss Sutherland is a Certified Midwife.

SISTER.

Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan.—Miss A. D. Clark, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister of the Male Surgical Ward. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Bolton, and at the Borough Fever Hospital, Hyde, where she was later Staff Nurse. Miss Clark has since been Theatre and Ward Sister at the General Hospital, Warrington.

High Teams Hospital, Gateshead-on-Tyne.—Miss C. A. Gormley, S.R.N., has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at the High Teams Hospital, where she was later Staff Nurse. Miss Gormley has also been Staff Nurse at the Preston Hospital, Tynemouth, and is a Certified Midwife.

Hospital for Sick Children, Moor Edge, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—Miss H. Spawton, S.R.N., has been appointed Out-Patient and X-ray Sister. She was trained at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, was Staff Nurse and X-ray Pupil at the Royal Infirmary, Bradford, and has been Sister-in-Charge of the X-ray, Sunlight and Out-Patient Department at the Royal Infirmary, Halifax.

LEGACIES TO NURSES.

Dame Mary Eliza Laidlaw, Brixham, Devon, left £100 to Nurse Emma Walker.

Mr. Francis William Percival, of Chesham Street, Belgrave Square W., left £100 to Nurse Mahoney.

Mr. Henry Richard Walker, of Upper Clapton, E., left £100 to Nurse Corrie Bloomfield.

Baroness Eversley of Kingsworthy, Winchester, left to her Nurse, Mrs. Annie Lowry Mullings, £8,000, and to her Nurse Janet Davies, £200, and a life annuity of £200.

THE PASSING BELL.

We regret to announce the death of Miss Maud Mary Jeffcott, late Nursing Sister, Army Nursing Service, which took place on April 3rd at Castletown, Isle of Man.

Miss Jeffcott trained at the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, and joined the Army Nursing Service in 1891, serving at Netley, Chatham, and the Guards' Hospital, London. She proceeded to Egypt in 1898, where she served for five years. In November, 1903, she returned to England and retired from the Service early in the following year.

The Strain of Nursing.

The death occurred under tragic circumstances at the Paddington Infirmary of Miss Ilona Paine, a probationer nurse, who entered the Infirmary in 1926 and would have finished her training in a few months.

At the inquest the Sister Tutor, Miss Ada Mary Shaw, stated that Miss Paine's father was an Englishman and her mother a Pole. She had home worries. Her family had had very great trouble during the War, through the Russian Revolution.

Both Miss Shaw and the Medical Superintendent Dr. W. G. Bendle, gave evidence as to being called to the nurse at 7.15 in the evening, and finding her deeply under the influence of a narcotic. Artificial respiration was applied and continued until 2.45 a.m. on the following morning, but it was unavailing, and Miss Paine died at 5.15 a.m.

The following letter, found beneath the nurse's pillow was read by the Coroner:

"I wish that my sister should have the few things I possess: things in remembrance from a paradise lost, things which have been more human to me, and the only real things of my own here in this stony waste of a world. I cannot bear life any longer. I knew that this mad longing of mine to finish my own existence would overwhelm me at last. I do wish I had never taken up nursing. It kills all the beauty in life and it opens one's eyes to the cruelties of life. By training to be a nurse one enters a fight which no human being would be able to accomplish."

Some newspaper cuttings relating to a case Miss Paine had been nursing were found in her room, and Dr. Bendle told the Coroner he assumed that when she wrote of the cruelties of life she alluded to this case.

The evidence proved conclusively that death was due to poison, self-administered hypodermically, and the Coroner recorded a verdict that Miss Paine killed herself while of unsound mind.

The strain of nursing, combined with that of family troubles, was evidently too much for this highly sensitive and sympathetic nurse. Our deep sympathy goes out to her relatives, and also to the Matron and Nursing Staff of the Paddington Infirmary.

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