

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL OF THE IRISH FREE STATE.

The undermentioned candidates have been elected members of the General Nursing Council of the Irish Free State:—

Representing Matrons of Metropolitan Hospitals: Miss A. Halbert (Matron, St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin); Miss M. O'Flynn (Matron, Children's Hospital, Temple Street).

Representing Matrons of Provincial Hospitals: Miss Margaret Walsh, R.G.N. (County Hospital, Waterford).

Representing Nurses engaged in Public Health Services or District Nursing: Miss Nellie Healy, R.G.N.

Representing Nurses engaged in Private Practice: Miss Annie P. Smithson, R.G.N.; Miss Margaret Harold, R.G.N.; Miss Nora T. Buckley, R.G.N.

Representing Mental Nurses: Miss Clara Willis, R.M.N. (returned unopposed); Mr. J. J. Harding, R.M.N. (returned unopposed).

We are informed by the Secretary of the Irish Nurses' Union that three of these ladies, Miss Healy, Miss Smithson, and Miss Buckley, are members of that organisation, and Miss Halbert's candidature was also supported by it. Their photographs can be supplied by Messrs. Lafayette, Westmoreland Street, Dublin.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

War Memorial Cottage Hospital, Milford-on-Sea.—Miss H. M. Heriot-Hill, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, where she has since been Staff Nurse and a member of the Private Nursing Staff. She has also been Sister-in-Charge of a private Nursing Home in London, and Sister at the Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital, Alton, Hants.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester.—Miss Skipper, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at St. George's Hospital, London, and at Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton. Miss Skipper was later Sister at her training school, Sister at the Essex County Hospital, Colchester, and has done Assistant Matron's holiday duties. She is a Certified Midwife, and holds the Housekeeping Certificate.

HOME SISTER AND DEPUTY MATRON.

Royal Liverpool Babies' Hospital, Woolton.—Miss M. Johnson Anglin, S.R.N., has been appointed Home Sister and Deputy Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Preston, and at the Alexandra Homes, Devonport, where she was later Maternity Sister. Miss Johnson Anglin has also been Ward Sister at West Herts Hospital, Hemel Hempstead, and Night Sister and Housekeeping Sister at the General Hospital, Birkenhead. She is a Certified Midwife.

SISTER TUTOR.

St. Luke's Hospital, Halifax.—Miss M. Fisher, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool, and has been Ward Sister at the Fusehill Infirmary, Liverpool, Training Sister at the Nurses' Training Centre, Willington-on-Tyne, and Night Sister at the North Bierley Infirmary, Bradford. Miss Fisher is a Certified Midwife.

NIGHT SISTER.

Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester.—Miss D. Baldock, S.R.N., has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the Wellhouse Hospital, Barnet, where she was later Staff Nurse and Sister. She has also been Staff Nurse and Sister at the

Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, and Sister at Princess Mary's Hospital, Cliftonville, Margate. Miss Baldock is a Certified Midwife.

SISTER.

Derbyshire County Sanatorium, Chesterfield.—Miss G. Campsall, S.R.N., has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, and Crimcar Lane Sanatorium, Sheffield, and has done private nursing.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

The following resign their appointments:—Sister Miss I. M. Sansom (Dec. 31st, 1928); Sister Mrs. V. F. le V. dil Durell (Jan. 1st); Staff Nurse Miss M. N. Boot (Jan. 1st).

The following Staff Nurses to be Sisters:—Miss E. L. Ball (May 28th, 1928); Miss M. E. Cox (Nov. 30th, 1928).

Miss D. J. Cooper, from Q.A.M.N.S. for India (temp.), to be Staff Nurse (May 11th, 1928).

The following to be Staff Nurses:—Miss L. W. W. Whitehead (May 30th, 1928); Miss G. A. F. Johnson (June 1st, 1928); Miss H. M. Stothert (June 1st, 1928); Miss K. A. Goldup (June 5th, 1928); Miss D. D. Smart (June 11th, 1928).

LEGACIES FOR NURSES.

Mr. Kenneth Edlmann Chalmers, of Bickley, and of the Temple, E.C., left an annuity of £50 jointly, with remainder to the survivor for life to the sisters of his late nurse, Isabella Kennedy.

Mrs. Emily Harris Hollingsworth, of Sutton Coldfield, left £100 to Nurse Annie Corry.

Mr. Francis Mark Cann, a retired surgeon, left the use of his house at Putney and £300 a year to his nurse-housekeeper.

THE PASSING BELL.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Miss C. H. Keer, R.R.C., late Matron-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, who passed away suddenly at her home at West Worthing on 29th December, 1928. Miss Keer, the daughter of an English officer who went to live in Canada, was trained at the City Hospital, Massachusetts.

She joined the Army Nursing Service in December, 1887, at Netley, and a year later started on a five years' tour of duty in Egypt. On returning to England in April, 1894, she was posted to Dover, and at the beginning of the South African War was one of the first to be sent out, and did not return home until August, 1902.

On the re-organisation of the Army Nursing Service, and formation of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, Miss Keer was appointed Principal Matron in South Africa, and in April, 1906, succeeded Dame Sidney Browne as Matron-in-Chief at the War Office. Her appointment witnessed further developments in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, as well as important changes in the Military Families Hospitals. In the latter the position of the Nursing Staff was improved, and their pay and allowances increased.

Miss Keer was awarded the Queen's and King's South African Medals, and was also mentioned in Despatches. The R.R.C. was conferred upon her in 1902 for her work in this campaign.

We much regret to record the death at Glasgow, on December 24th, of Miss Janet Creelman Melrose, R.R.C., for fifteen years Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, in which institution she received her training and where her professional life was spent. She was Assistant Matron when Mrs. Strong was Matron, and on the retirement of the latter was appointed Matron. During her tenure of office, the Royal Infirmary was largely rebuilt, involving very strenuous work on the part of the Matron. Miss Melrose was also a Principal Matron in the Territorial Force Nursing Service, and on the outbreak of war in 1914, in addition to her other duties, was called upon to organise and supervise two large general hospitals of the T.F.N.S., which she visited daily.

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