

## APPOINTMENTS.

## MATRON.

**Royal Eastern Counties Institution for Mental Defectives, Bridge Home (Branch), Witham.**—Miss B. A. Tanner, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Giles' Hospital, Camberwell, and obtained her Housekeeping Certificate at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, where she later acted as Sister-Housekeeper for three months. Miss Tanner has been Staff Nurse and Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., both at home and abroad, Charge Sister in the Ministry of Pensions Nursing Service, Home Sister and Sister Housekeeper at the County Sanatorium, Huntingdon, and Assistant-Matron at Shawbury School, Shustoke, Birmingham.

**Infectious Diseases Hospital, Halesowen.**—Miss D. Hoban, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Hallam Hospital, West Bromwich, and the Isolation Hospital, Norwich, where she has since been Staff Nurse, Sister, Sister Tutor, and Deputy Matron.

**Cottage Hospital, Iver.**—Miss E. E. Sheard, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Andrew's Hospital, Bow, and has been Ward Sister at Faversham Infirmary, Senior Sister at the Cottage Hospital, Faversham, and Matron of a Nursing Home at Surbiton. Miss Sheard is a Certified Midwife.

**Brampton War Memorial Cottage Hospital, Carlisle.**—Miss E. Crowe, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Carlisle and Cumberland Infirmary, and was for several years Matron of the above hospital, a position which she resigned four years ago owing to indisposition. She has had experience of private nursing.

**Samaritan Hospital for Women, Belfast.**—Miss A. F. Thompson, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham, and has been Night Superintendent at St. James' Hospital, Balham, Assistant Matron at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Edinburgh, and Home Sister at Great Barr Park Colony, Birmingham.

## ASSISTANT MATRON.

**Cambridgeshire Mental Hospital.**—Miss Ellen Geldart, S.R.N., R.M.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the District Mental Hospital, Dundee, and at St. Luke's Hospital, Halifax, and has been Staff Nurse at Bishop Auckland Cottage Hospital, Co. Durham, and Sister at the City Mental Hospital, Hull, where she has also taken Assistant Matron's holiday duties.

## ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT.

**Lincolnshire (Lindsey) Nursing Association.**—Miss M. L. Rastall, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., has been appointed Assistant Superintendent. She was trained at the Stanley Hospital, Liverpool, and has been Queen's Nurse at St. Helen's, Lancs., and at Belton, Yorks.

## HOME SISTER AND SISTER TUTOR.

**General Hospital, Birkenhead.**—Miss G. Bishop, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor and Home Sister. She was trained at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and has been Ward Sister at South Elmsall, Yorkshire, Theatre Sister at the Victoria Hospital, Blackpool, House Sister at the Nursing Home, 49, Beaumont Street, London, Theatre Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Preston, and Sister Tutor and Theatre Sister at the Cheshire Joint Sanatorium, Market Drayton.

## SISTER.

**Manor Hospital, Walsall.**—Miss S. Fidler, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister. She was trained at Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport, and in district nursing at the Stockport and Ardwick District Nurses' Home, Manchester. She has worked as a Queen's Nurse and is a certified midwife.

**Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham.**—Miss E. Lancefield, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Maternity Sister. She was trained at the Newport Union Infirmary, Newport, Mon., and at the Birmingham Maternity Hospital, and has been Maternity Staff Nurse at the Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham.

## HEALTH VISITOR.

**Council Offices, Poplar.**—Miss M. H. Sutcliffe, S.R.N., has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Halifax; and has been Health Visitor in the Borough of Leyton, the County Borough of Halifax, and in the West Riding of Yorkshire. Miss Sutcliffe is a Certified Midwife.

## PRINCESS MARY'S ROYAL AIR FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

## Appointment of Matron-in-Chief.

Matron Miss Katherine Christie Watt, to be Matron-in-Chief, Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, with effect from November 29th, in place of Miss Joanna Margaret Cruickshank, C.B.E., placed on the retired list.

Miss Watt, who received her general training at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, served with Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (Reserve) in France during the war, and was appointed to the Royal Air Force Nursing Service in January, 1919. Since that date she has also been employed at the Air Ministry. She was awarded the Royal Red Cross (First Class) in the King's Birthday Honours List, June, 1930.

Miss Watt at present holds the appointment of Matron, Princess Mary's R.A.F. Hospital, Halton.

## QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Miss M. E. Maclean, R.R.C., to be Principal Matron in India *vice* Miss I. L. Harrison to retired pay.

Sister Miss C. D. Hirst, A.R.R.C., retires receiving a gratuity.

Miss M. E. Maclean was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

## THE PASSING BELL.

We much regret to record the death of Miss Katherine Blanche Brereton, M.B.E., R.R.C., J.P., and a member of the Guy's Hospital Nurses' League. She received training as a lady pupil at Guy's Hospital from June, 1890 to June 1891, and after working as a Staff Nurse at the Wirral Children's Hospital, she obtained her midwifery training at the York Road Lying-in Hospital, returning to Guy's as Sister of Bright Ward in 1893.

In 1899 she went out to South Africa on the Staff of the first Imperial Yeomanry Hospital at Deelfontein.

In 1901 the Government appointed Miss Brereton a member of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the Management of the Concentration Camps in South Africa. She visited all the Camps in the four colonies, and on returning to England in February 1902 received with her colleagues the thanks of the House of Commons, and during that year also the South African War Medal and the Royal Red Cross. In 1903 she accompanied Mrs. Fawcett (afterwards Dame Millicent) to South Africa on a mission to promote the conciliation of Boers and Britons, and later set herself to learn farming in order to manage the family estates.

Her final gift was the bequest of her body to the Medical School of Guy's Hospital.

## THE VALEDICTORY MEETINGS, N.M.L.

The Valedictory Meetings of the Nurses' Missionary League to wish God-speed to twenty-nine members sailing for the Mission Field this year were held at University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C., on October 1st. The subject for consideration during the day was "With the King for His Work." The Chairman in the morning was Miss J. Macfee, and in the evening Dr. E. W. G. Masterman, F.R.C.S., Medical Superintendent of St. Giles Hospital, Camberwell.

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