

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE RESERVE.

The Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S., wishes all Members of Q.A.I.M.N.S. Permanent Reserve a very cheery Christmas—and all success and happiness this coming year. At the same time she would like to remind them that they should send in their Annual Reports during the month of January.

NIGHTINGALEIANA.

SOYER'S CULINARY CAMPAIGN.

Miss Nightingale's Carriage.

Alexis Soyer, who rendered valuable service to Miss Nightingale in the culinary departments of the Crimean Hospitals, and wrote an interesting book entitled "Soyer's Culinary Campaign," writes on pages 417 to 419: "It was on the way to these hospitals* that the vehicle conveying Miss Nightingale and her nurses was upset, and they all had a most miraculous escape. It was drawn by a mule, and no doubt driven by a donkey, who drove over a large stone, and thus caused the accident. One of the nurses was severely wounded. After this accident, Colonel Macmurdo gave Miss Nightingale the carriage, a sketch of which appeared in the *Illustrated London News* of the 30th August, 1856. Upon leaving the Crimea, after a long search, I succeeded in rescuing it from the hands of some Tartar Jews, as I considered it a precious relic for present and future generations. The Jews were going to purchase it the next day among a lot of common carts, harness, horses, etc.

"I called upon Colonel Evans, of the Light Infantry Corps, and spoke to him upon the subject, when he kindly allowed me to purchase it. I sent it to England by the *Avgo*, and the sketch was taken on board that ship by Landells, the artist of that journal.

"It arrived and was safely landed at Southampton, and Mr. Andrews, the mayor of that city, very kindly allowed the carriage to remain in his warehouse till my return to England. The extraordinary exertions Miss Nightingale imposed upon herself after receiving this carriage would have been perfectly incredible, if not witnessed by many and well ascertained. I can vouch for the fact, having frequently accompanied her to the hospitals as well as to the monastery. The return from these places at night was a very dangerous experiment, as the road led across a very uneven country. It was still more perilous when snow was upon the ground. I have seen that lady stand for hours at the top of a bleak rocky mountain near the hospital giving instructions, while the snow was falling heavily. I observed this to the Rev. Mr. Holt, who accompanied her almost daily as her clerical orderly, as he called himself, and he admitted that it was very imprudent on her part. All one could say to her on the subject was so kindly received, that you concluded you had persuaded her to take more care of herself. Yet she always went on in the same way, having probably forgotten good advice in her anxiety for the comfort of the sick.

"I often warned her of the danger she incurred in returning so late at night, with no other escort than the driver. She answered by a smile, which seemed to say, 'You may be right, but I have faith.' So impressed was I with a sense of the magnitude of the danger she was daily incurring, that I addressed a letter to a noble duchesse, who, I knew, had much influence with her."

* Hospitals at Balaklava.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Isolation Hospital, Crewe.—Miss D. E. Williams, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool, and has been Staff Nurse at the Bodvan Infirmary, Caernarvon, and Sister at the Isolation Hospital, Crewe.

SISTER-TUTOR.

Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool.—Miss E. L. Snelson, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, where she was a Gold Medallist. Miss Snelson has been Ward Sister at the District Infirmary, Ashton-under-Lyne; Sister Tutor at the Royal Infirmary, Doncaster; Sister Tutor at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield; holds the Leeds Diploma of Nursing, and is a Certified Midwife.

SISTER.

St. Mary Islington Hospital, London.—Miss S. E. Gunnell, S.R.N., has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at St. Mary's Hospital, Highgate Hill, and at the Fever Hospital, Marston. Miss Gunnell is a member of the Chartered Society of Massage and Medical Gymnastics, and holds the certificate for medical electricity.

Warren Road Hospital, Guildford.—Miss M. B. O'Shea, S.R.N., has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at the St. Andrew's Hospital, Bow, and at the North Western Fever Hospital, Hampstead. Miss O'Shea is a Certified Midwife.

The Fletcher Convalescent Home, Cromer.—Miss S. L. S. Dixon, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the General Hospital, Northampton, where she was later Ward Sister, Night Sister, and Housekeeping Sister. Miss Dixon has also been Sister at St. Barnabas Homes, Dormans, Surrey, and Sister at the Calverley Joint Hospital, Thornbury, Bradford.

East Preston Infirmary, Sussex.—Miss E. Rose, S.R.N., has been appointed Senior Ward Sister. She was trained at Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport, and has been Assistant Nurse at the Infirmary, Canterbury, Staff Nurse at Stepney Infirmary, Staff Nurse and Sister at Birch Hill Hospital, Rochdale, Sister at the West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth, and Ward Sister at Steyning Infirmary, Shoreham. She is a Certified Midwife.

THEATRE SISTER.

St. Mary's Hospital for Women and Children, Manchester.—Miss J. Hague, S.R.N., has been appointed Theatre Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and has since been Theatre Sister at Victoria Hospital, Burnley, Theatre Sister at the Hospital for Women, Liverpool, and Ward Sister at the General Hospital, Birkenhead. She is a Certified Midwife.

NIGHT SISTER.

Medway Hospital, Chatham, Kent.—Miss A. C. Hewitt, S.R.N., has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at Holgate Hospital and Broomlands Hospitals, Middlesbrough, and has been Ward Sister at Moorlands Infirmary, Rawtenstall, and Night Sister at Bucknall Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent. Miss Hewitt is a Certified Midwife.

HEALTH VISITOR AND SCHOOL NURSE.

Borough of Whitehaven.—Miss G. Ainscow, S.R.N., has been appointed Health Visitor and School Nurse. She was trained at the London Hospital, where she was later Staff Nurse. Miss Ainscow has since been Queen's Nurse and Midwife.

SISTER-HOUSEKEEPER.

The Country Hospital, Shanghai, China.—Miss E. M. Scroggie, S.R.N., M.B.C.N., has been appointed Sister Housekeeper. She was trained at the Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool, where she was later Ward Sister and Night Sister. Miss Scroggie has also held an appointment at the Woodhouse Hall Open-Air School, Huddersfield, has done private nursing, and is a Certified Midwife.

LEGACIES FOR NURSES.

Sir Philip Waterlow, of Trosley Towers, Kent, left Sister Tress Cosgrove an annuity of £200.

Mr. Walker Thomas, of Penarth, left £100 to nurse Catherine Teresa McKenny, "now attending my sister, Catherine Maria Thomas."

Lieutenant-Colonel Fred. William Burr, of Eastbourne, left £150 to Edith Florence Miller, nurse.

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