

APPOINTMENTS.

PRINCIPAL MATRON.

London County Council, County Hall, S.E.1.—Miss Ellen Mary Thompson, S.R.N., has been appointed as Principal Matron in the Nursing Department of the London County Council. She was trained in the Nightingale School at St. Thomas's Hospital, at King's College for Women, and in midwifery at the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin. Has held the positions of Ward Sister at the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin; Night Superintendent, Home Sister and Lecturer to Nurses at the Middlesex Hospital, London; Sister in the Ceylon Nursing Service; Lady Superintendent, King George's Hospital, Lucknow, India; Sister Tutor at University College Hospital, London; Matron, West Suffolk General Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds; and Registration Officer in the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, 20, Portland Place, London, W.

MATRON.

St. Paul's Hospital for Diseases Genito-Urinary Organs and Skin, Endell Street, London, W.C.2.—Miss M. Bentham, S.R.N. has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, London, where she was later Out-patients' Sister, Senior Night Sister, and Sister of the Surgical Ward. Miss Bentham has also been Home Sister and Housekeeping Sister at the Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital, Golden Square, and Assistant Matron at the Evelina Hospital for Sick Children, London.

New General Hospital, Southend-on-Sea.—Miss H. F. Saunders, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, where she later held the following posts:—Staff Nurse, Staff Midwife, Staff Nurse in Nurses' Home, Matron's Senior Office Sister, and Sister-in-Charge of the Preliminary Training School.

Hoylake Babies' Hospital, Church Road, Hoylake, Cheshire.—Miss E. Bright Robinson, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, where she obtained an Honours Certificate, and has been engaged in Private Nursing, a School Nurse under the London County Council, Sister at the United Services Fund Hospital, Ascot, Matron at the United Services Fund Convalescent Home, Seaford, Matron at the United Services Fund Convalescent Home for Babies, Bexhill. Miss Bright Robinson served with the French Flag Nursing Corps during the War, and is a Certified Midwife.

NIGHT SISTER.

Children's Hospital, Nottingham.—Miss M. A. Lawson, S.R.N. has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, where she has since been Ward Sister and Theatre Sister.

SUPERINTENDENT AND ASSISTANT INSPECTOR OF MIDWIVES.

County Nursing Association, Taunton.—Miss M. D. Stewart, S.R.N., has been appointed Superintendent and Assistant Inspector of Midwives. She was trained at St. Giles' Hospital, London, and at the Queen's Home, Gloucester, and has been Assistant County Superintendent at Durham.

GIRVAN TO RHODESIA.

Miss Margaret C. Hall, who has been District Nurse under the Girvan District Sick Nursing Association, Girvan, Ayrshire, for the past year, has been appointed to the District of Livingstonia, Northern Rhodesia, Africa. Miss Hall

is the first British Nurse to go out to this district under the direction of the Queen's District Nursing Association. Her work in Rhodesia will be of a pioneer character among European settlers. Miss Hall received her general training in the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and also had considerable experience in maternity nursing at the Maternity Hospital, Rotten Row, Glasgow. After receiving further training as a Queen's Nurse, Miss Hall held appointments as District Nurse at Garnethill, Glasgow, in the Shetlands, and in Girvan where she very soon became endeared to the people. Our illustration shows Miss Hall with her first baby patient, and namesake, in the Shetlands.

THE PASSING BELL.

We have received from the War Office the following notice:—

It is with deep sorrow and regret we have to announce the death on the 15th ult. of Miss Helena Hartigan, R.R.C., of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service. Miss Hartigan was appointed to Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service in 1905, and for twenty-three years served with the greatest distinction, giving her heart and soul to the work she loved so much. When stationed in Malta she was decorated by the King of Italy in recognition of the splendid work she rendered to the victims of the Messina earthquake.

During the War she was Matron of several hospitals in France and in the Hospital Ship *Kalyan*, proceeding afterwards for service in Northern Russia.

For her exceptional devotion to duty she was twice mentioned in Dispatches, was awarded the Royal Red Cross and Bar, and decorated with the *Medaille de la Reine Elizabeth*.

Her clear, clever brain and her great sympathy and understanding made her wonderful personality felt and loved by all with whom she came in contact, and the world is poorer by her passing.

Her Majesty the Queen, who takes a great interest in the Nursing Service, has written a letter of sympathy to the late Miss Hartigan's brother, Major-General J. A. Hartigan.

We greatly regret to record the death at Brighton on December 12th, of Mrs. Okell, at one time a well known and much respected member of the nursing world.

Mrs. Okell was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and was subsequently Assistant Matron at St. Saviour's Infirmary, Dulwich, from 1891-1897 she was Matron of the Bridgwater Infirmary, and in that year was appointed Superintendent of Nurses at the West Ham Infirmary.

She took an active interest in Nursing Organisation, and stood firmly for self government of nurses in their own Associations. Of late years her sympathy and interests have been with a Religious Sisterhood in Brighton.



MISS MARGARET HALL, District Nurse, Livingstonia, with a Shetland baby.

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