

he drew a revolver, and the matron, in an attempt to restrain him, was shot through the wrist. The man then shot his daughter dead and committed suicide.

The Nurses' Missionary League are holding their Annual Sale of Work at 135, Ebury Street, S.W.1, on Friday and Saturday, November 18th and 19th, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., admission free. The stalls include the Nurses' Committee stall, at which a charming collection of Christmas presents will be on sale—and there are to be bargains.

Money and gifts for the Sale will be gratefully received by Miss Richardson, 135, Ebury Street, S.W.1.

The Princess Royal takes a very keen interest in the Infants' Hospital, Westminster. More than once she has paid it unofficial visits, and she opened its new wing on October 31st.

Only a few days ago she wrote to the Matron asking what she would like as a gift for Christmas for the hospital.

Last year she sent pale blue counterpanes, patterned in fairies, elves and gnomes.

The Matron, Miss Littlejohn, thinks it would be nice to have another gift of counterpanes, so that two wards can be alike.

We have no doubt they will arrive in Vincent Square in time for the festive season, always such a happy time in hospital.

The news of another earthquake on the east coast of the North Island, New Zealand, was received with sorrow and sympathy in England; luckily no lives have been lost, as in the terrible disaster last year. As usual it is reported that the nurses in the hospital set a fine example of calmness when the earthquake rocked the town, and the patients behaved with admirable composure as the building shook and rattled under the repeated shocks.

We wonder how many deaths of sick people are due to lack of care and the breaking of rules on the part of their attendants?

A verdict of misadventure was recently returned at the inquest at Chester on an inmate of the County Mental Hospital, who, it was stated, died from heart failure following partial immersion in a bath.

A nurse who attended her said that she did not test the heat of the water with a thermometer, although there were instructions to do so.

The Coroner said: I do not want to emphasize the fact that the water was too hot, but this is an instance of familiarity with certain duty leading to the forgetting of a very necessary detail.

The testing of baths and the careful covering and placing of hot bottles are essential details in skilled nursing. The "hot bottle" season is coming along; let every nurse handle them with the utmost caution.

As we go to press, the Matrons' Council of Great Britain was in session at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., presided, and gave an admirable exposition of the Report of *The Lancet* Commission and the necessity for upholding the professional authority of the General Nursing Council in the conduct of all Examinations, and One Portal to the Register.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

The Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.—Miss Marget Husband, R.G.N. (Scotland), has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, and at the Royal Maternity and Simpson Memorial Hospital, Edinburgh. Miss Husband has been Night Maternity Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Dundee, Night Superintendent at the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, Assistant Lady Superintendent at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Aberdeen, Assistant Matron at the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff, and Matron at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon. Miss Husband is an Examiner for England and Wales.

Hillingdon County Hospital, Middlesex.—Miss E. S. Laing, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Stephen's Hospital, London, and has been Ward Sister at St. Pancras Hospital, London, Superintendent Nurse at the Infirmary, Staines, Sister Tutor at the Withington Hospital, Manchester, and Sister Tutor and Assistant Matron at the Mayday Road Hospital, Thornton Heath. Miss Laing is a Certified Midwife, and holds the Tuberculosis Certificate of the Brompton Hospital, the Health Visitors' Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute, the Sister Tutors' Diploma, King's College for Women, London University, the Honours Certificate of the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, Endsleigh Gardens, London, W.C., and the Honours Diploma of the Institute of Hygiene.

Warren Road Hospital, Guildford.—Miss A. S. Payne, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and has been Sister at the East End Maternity Hospital, Stepney, E., Superintendent at the Infant Welfare Centre, Coventry, Superintendent and Matron at the Infant Welfare Centre, Islington, and Sister-in-Charge at the Lawrence Royal Military School, Sanawar, Simla Hills, India.

General Hospital, Ilkeston.—Miss D. M. Lawrence, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, Derby, where she was later Ward Sister, Night Sister and Sister Tutor. Miss Lawrence holds the House-keeping Certificate of the General Hospital, Northampton, and is a Certified Midwife.

City Isolation Hospital, Canterbury.—Miss W. Shaw, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained, at the Grove Hospital, Tooting, and at the Royal Infirmary and Eye Institution, Gloucester, and has since been Home Sister and Assistant Matron at the Brighton Sanatorium.

Chiswick and Ealing Maternity Hospital, Clayponds Lane, Brentford.—Miss M. Gardner, R.G.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and at the Royal Maternity Hospital, Glasgow, where she has since been Assistant Matron.

DEPUTY MATRON AND SISTER TUTOR.

Borough Isolation Hospital and Sanatorium, Derby.—Miss G. Wilkinson, S.R.N., has been appointed Deputy Matron and Sister Tutor. She was trained at the City Hospital, Hull, and at the Royal Infirmary, Bradford. Miss Wilkinson has been Day Sister and Night Sister at the City Hospital, Hull, Sister Tutor at the Ladywell Sanatorium, Salford, and is a Certified Midwife.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital, Ipswich.—Miss M. B. Welton, S.R.N. has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, and holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the General Hospital, Nottingham. Miss Welton has been Sister, Out-Patient Department of the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, Senior Sister at the Victoria Hospital, Accrington, Ward Sister at the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital, House-keeping Sister at the General Hospital, Northampton and the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital.

THEATRE SISTER.

Royal Hospital, Salford.—Miss M. J. Duce, S.R.N., has been appointed Theatre Sister. She was trained at the West London Hospital, Hammersmith, and at the Women's Hospital, Chelsea, and has been Theatre and Ward Sister at the National Hospital, Queen Square, W.C.

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