

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 happy Christmas and all success and good fortune in the coming year.

She would also like to remind them that all Annual Reports should be sent in during the month of January.

THE OVERSEAS NURSING ASSOCIATION.

Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, Secretary of State for the Colonies, attended a dinner of the Royal Empire Society at the Hotel Victoria on December 5th, and afterwards, supported by the Earl of Athlone, President of the Overseas Nursing Association, presided at a meeting at which addresses were given on the Achievements of British Nurses Overseas.

Speaking of the work of the Overseas Nursing Association, Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister said that since its inception in 1896 it had provided more than 2,100 nursing sisters for the Government Services and nearly 1,000 nurses for private employment in various parts of the Empire. The association had always maintained a high standard of tradition among those who joined the Service. Some were working single-handed in the most primitive and difficult conditions. Those nurses had also taken on the extremely difficult work of training the subordinate native staff. Their thoroughness and tact were amazing.

The Earl of Athlone spoke of his experience of the nursing profession while he was Governor-General of South Africa. The great difficulty, he said, was the linguistic one, but it was astonishing how quickly nurses from England took to the country and learned the language. Having visited hospitals in nearly all parts of the world, he could say with certainty that from the nursing point of view there were none finer than the British.

Lady (Samuel) Wilson, who expressed great interest in the Association, said that owing to the fact that she had been able to accompany her husband on his three big trips overseas during his tenure of office at the Colonial Office, she had had exceptional opportunities of seeing the nurses of the Association at work in many parts of our great Colonial Empire, and gave a fascinating account of her experience.

Miss R. E. Darbyshire, R.R.C., Matron of University College Hospital, and Miss E. E. P. MacManus, Matron of Guy's Hospital spoke, respectively, of Nursing work in India and Egypt where they have had extended experience.

DISTRICT NURSES AND GARDENS.

The Committee of the National Gardens Scheme report that there has been a record number of visitors to gardens in England and Wales this year. The sum of £11,106 was collected in aid of the work of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, the largest sum ever raised through the opening of the gardens. The King again allowed the gardens at Sandringham to be open, and altogether 1,069 gardens and many houses of historical interest were on view.

A GREAT HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR.

For many years past, Dr. C. T. Parsons, Medical Superintendent of Fulham Hospital, has held the highest reputation as a hospital administrator, and has maintained not only a keen interest in the advance of medical science, but has realised in his relation to the Nursing School the invaluable co-operation of highly skilled nursing in the practical application of medical treatment. The news that Dr. Parsons is retiring next month after 34 years' fine public service at Fulham, will be received with sincere regret by generations of nurses trained at the hospital, especially by those who realise how much they owe to his untiring devotion to their interests.

APPOINTMENTS.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

The House of Recovery and Fever Hospital, Cork Street, Dublin.—Miss M. M. Grenham, S.R.N., R.F.N., M.B.C.N., has been appointed Lady Superintendent. She was trained at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, and at the South Western Hospital, Stockwell, where she was later Night Sister, Ward Sister and Temporary Home Sister. Miss Grenham has also been Ward Sister at the Joyce Green Hospital (Smallpox), Dartford, Sister Tutor and Acting Assistant Matron at the Western Hospital, Fulham, and Sister Tutor at the North Eastern Hospital, Tottenham.

Miss Grenham holds the Diploma in Nursing of the London University, and the Sister Tutor's Certificate of Battersea Polytechnic.

MATRON.

St. Charles' Hospital, St. Charles' Square, W.10.—Miss E. Cockayne, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Borough Hospital, Plymouth; the Maternity Hospital, Birmingham; and at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, where she was later Ward Sister and Night Sister. Miss Cockayne has also been Sister Tutor at the Gloucester and Cheltenham General Hospitals; and Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor at the West London Hospital, Hammersmith.

High Wood Hospital for Children, Brentwood, Essex.—Miss Q. C. J. Shaw, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at King's College Hospital, London; and at Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton. Miss Shaw has been Theatre and Night Sister at the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, E.2; and Night Sister and Assistant Matron at the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea.

Greenwich Maternity Home, 78, Shooter's Hill Road, S.E.3.—Miss Q. M. Anstice, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth, and at the City of London Maternity Hospital, where she was later Staff Nurse and Labour Ward Sister. Miss Anstice has also been Sister-in-Charge, Maternity Department, St. Peter's Hospital, Vallance Road, E.1, is a Certified Midwife, and holds the Midwife Teachers' Certificate.

Thorpe Coombe Maternity Home, Walthamstow, S.E.17.—Miss F. Bambridge, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Hackney Hospital, London, and at the Municipal Maternity Home, Rochdale, and has been Nursing Sister at Madame St. Clare Hospital, Serbia, Theatre Sister at the Millicent Fawcett Hospital, Russia, Senior Sister at the Maternity Home, Rochdale, and Matron at the Springfield Municipal Maternity Home, Blackburn.

Loughborough and District General Hospital, Loughborough.—Miss J. W. Speed, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, and has been Assistant Matron at the Victoria Memorial Jewish Hospital, Manchester.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

The Home, Westmorland Sanatorium, Grange-over-Sands.—Miss M. Sanders, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Prescot Infirmary, where she was later Ward Sister, and has been Queen's Nurse at St. Helens, Night Sister and Superintendent Nurse at Fusehill Hospital, Carlisle, and Relief Sister, Ward Sister and Night Sister at the Cheshire Joint Sanatorium, Market Drayton, where she obtained the Tuberculosis Certificate. Miss Sanders holds the House-keeping Certificate of the General Hospital, Nottingham, and is a Certified Midwife.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

St. George-in-the-East Hospital, Wapping, E.1.—Miss D. Shirley, S.R.N., has been appointed Night Superintendent. She was trained at St. Stephen's Hospital, London, where she was later Ward Sister and has been Staff Nurse at St. Andrew's Hospital.

SISTER HOUSEKEEPER.

Essex County Hospital, Colchester.—Miss S. H. Edwards, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Housekeeper. She was trained at the Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital for Cripple Children, Alton, and at Guy's Hospital, where she was later attached to the Private Nursing Institute. Miss Edwards has also been engaged in Prairie Nursing in Canada, has been Theatre Sister at the East Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich, is a Certified Midwife, and holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich.

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