

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON-IN-CHIEF.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.—Miss D. M. Martin, A.R.R.C., S.R.N., has been appointed Matron-in-Chief. She was trained at King's College Hospital, London, joined the Q.A.I.M.N.S. in 1913, served in the British Expeditionary Force in France, from August, 1914, to September, 1919, was mentioned in despatches and awarded the A.R.R.C. Miss Martin has also served in Malta and India as well as at home, and is a Certified Midwife.

Warneford General Hospital, Leamington Spa.—Miss C. M. Courtenay, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, London, and has been Theatre Staff Nurse and Children's Ward Staff Nurse at the Prince of Wales's Orthopaedic Hospital, Cardiff; Surgical Ward Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff; Laundry Superintendent and later Home Sister and Sister-Tutor and Housekeeping Sister at the General Hospital, Northampton; Night Superintendent at the District Infirmary, Ashton-under-Lyne; Sister-Tutor at the Somerset Hospital, Cape Town, South Africa; and Sister-Tutor at the Lewisham Hospital, London. Miss Courtenay holds the Housekeeping and Administration Certificate of the General Hospital, Northampton, the Sister-Tutor Diploma of King's College, University of London, and the Certificate of the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, London.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

North Eastern Hospital, London.—Miss M. A. Dolling, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, where she was later Ward Sister, and has also been Ward Sister, Night Sister and Sister-Tutor at the National Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road, London; Assistant Matron and Sister-Tutor at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, Taunton; Sister-Tutor at St. Luke's Hospital, Bradford; and Sister-Tutor at the Paddington Hospital, London. Miss Dolling is a Certified Midwife, and holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood.

British Hospital, Montevideo, Uruguay.—Miss S. J. Cakebread, S.R.N., M.B.C.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Westminster Hospital, London, and has served under Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service Reserve, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, India, and Queen Alexandra's Military Families Nursing Service. Miss Cakebread has also been Matron for the Eastern Telegraph Company, Ascension Island and Aden, and Matron for the Western Telegraph Company, Brazil, St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands. She is a Certified Midwife and holds Certificates for Invalid Cookery and Housekeeping.

Crumpsall Institution, Crescent Road, Crumpsall, Manchester.—Miss S. E. Beardshaw, S.R.N., has been appointed First Assistant Matron, and Miss E. L. Paradise, S.R.N., has been appointed Second Assistant Matron. Miss Beardshaw was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, and has been Staff Nurse and Ward Sister at the Killingbeck Hospital and Sanatorium, Leeds; Ward Sister and Night Sister at the Nether Edge Hospital, Sheffield; Second Assistant Matron at the Crumpsall Institution, Crumpsall, Manchester, and is a Certified Midwife. Miss Paradise was trained at St. Luke's Hospital, Halifax, and has held posts as Queen's Nurse, Deputy Matron and Night Sister.

SISTER-IN-CHARGE X-RAY DEPARTMENT.

St. Luke's General Municipal Hospital, Bradford.—Miss M. M. Gall, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister in Charge, X-Ray Department. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, where she was later X-Ray Staff Nurse, and has also been Staff Nurse at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich; Staff Nurse at the Royal Infirmary, Bradford, and X-Ray Sister at the Birch Hill Hospital, Rochdale. Miss Gall is a Member of the Society of Radiographers.

X-RAY SISTER.

Shanghai Municipal Council Health Department.—Miss J. B. Davidson, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., has been appointed X-Ray Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, where she was later Staff Nurse in the X-Ray Department, and has also been Sister in Charge, X-Ray Department, Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, and Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow. Miss Davidson is a member of the Society of Radiographers.

REVIEW.

OTOSCLEROSIS.*

With Special Reference to Ætiology and Treatment.

This book on a little understood form of deafness by Mr. Macleod Yearsley, F.R.C.S., formerly Consulting Aural Surgeon to the St. James's Hospital, and Senior Surgeon to the Royal Ear Hospital, while not written for nurses, and, indeed, containing a considerable amount of information which they have no need to assimilate, may yet be studied with advantage by them, firstly because it outlines a constructive policy in the treatment of this condition, treatment which in the hands of the author has been successful in cases of otosclerosis which have been pronounced hopeless by other otologists, and, secondly, because in the normal discharge of their professional duties nurses frequently come in contact with cases of deafness, and they will realise if they study this book the great importance of persuading the sufferer from otosclerosis and other forms of deafness to consult an aurist without delay, for "if seen in very early stages the course of the disease may be arrested or its advance may be greatly retarded," and it is a singular fact how dilatory many people are in seeking expert medical treatment for deafness.

Mr. Yearsley tells us that "the particular form of deafness with which this monograph is concerned has long baffled otologists" that the "essential ætiology of the disease is still far from being established upon a sound footing," and that "treatment which is the essential aim of all investigations into disease, has, consequently, been very slow to advance, since it has hitherto lacked a rational basis." The book deals, therefore, mainly with "the elucidation of the ætiology of otosclerosis and its therapeutic management.

The symptoms of outstanding prominence in otosclerosis are three: *deafness* characterised by its markedly insidious onset and progressive nature. It is always bilateral, although one ear alone may be affected at first; *tinnitus*, which may be caused by vascular changes due to increase in the anastomoses between the vessels of the internal and middle ears, or by the vascular spongy bone formed in the labyrinthine capsule, or it may be due to a preliminary stage of irritation in the process of degeneration of the auditory nerve; and *paracusis Willisii*, or hearing better in a noise, is a usual, but not always present, symptom.

The author emphasises as of paramount importance that a thorough general examination of every case of otosclerosis should be made when that of the ears, throat and nose, has been completed, and points out the frequency with which chronic intestinal toxæmia is found in connection with this disease. He considers that "the whole problem of otosclerosis needs revision. . . . A complete reconsideration from every aspect, with the ear relegated to its proper perspective as a sense organ, a mere member of the whole body, and, like its fellow sense organs, liable to be affected by any disorder involving the organism as a whole is required."

He is of opinion that "a large number of cases show the presence of a toxic focus, usually in the intestinal tract, but occasionally elsewhere (nose, nasal sinuses, tonsils, teeth), or evidence of endocrine dysfunction. It is highly probable that the latter often depends upon the former, and it is an accepted opinion with many observers that septic tonsils and pyorrhœa may be due to chronic intestinal toxæmia. This being so, and as it is an age-old axiom

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