

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

St. James' Hospital, Ouseley Road, Balham, S.W.—Miss E. M. Edmunds, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Dreadnought Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, and the Grosvenor Hospital for Women, Vincent Square, London, and has been Ward Sister at the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, Sister Tutor and Assistant Matron at St. Stephen's Hospital, Fulham Road, S.W., Matron at the Pine-wood Sanatorium, Wokingham, and Matron at St. Luke's Hospital, Lowestoft. Miss Edmunds holds a Sister Tutors' Certificate, and the Tuberculosis Association Certificate.

General Hospital, Southend-on-Sea.—Miss I. M. L. Syer, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, where she was later Charge Nurse, Holiday Sister and Night Sister. Miss Syer has also been Night Sister and Ward Sister at the Mansfield Hospital, Notts, Sister-Tutor and Assistant Matron at the General Hospital, Southend-on-Sea, is an Examiner to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and holds the Diploma in Nursing, Part A., of the London University.

Royal Infirmary, Bolton.—Miss Mary Farrer, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, where she was later Ward Sister, and at the Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot. Miss Farrer has also been Theatre Sister at the Jenny Lind Hospital, Norwich, Night Sister and Assistant Matron at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, and Assistant Matron at the Royal Infirmary, Bolton. She took the Housekeeping Course at the General Infirmary, Leeds.

St. Luke's Hospital, Lowestoft.—Miss J. Stoke Taylor, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, where she was later Staff Nurse, and at the Princess Mary's Maternity Hospital, Newcastle. Miss Stoke Taylor has also been Night Sister at the Deaconess Hospital, Edinburgh, Day Sister at the Edinburgh Child Welfare Department, Night Sister at the General Hospital, Saffron Walden, Home Sister, and Temporary Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor at the Craiglochart Hospital, Edinburgh, Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor at the City of Manchester Sanatorium, and Assistant Lady Superintendent at the Infirmary, Belfast.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Southern Hospital, Dartford.—Miss E. Boyden, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Skin Hospital, Birmingham, and at St. George-in-the-East Hospital, Wapping, and has been Sister and Deputy Matron at Lover's Hill Hospital, Bristol, Sister, Home Sister and Second Assistant Matron at Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford.

ASSISTANT MATRON AND SISTER TUTOR.

Putney General Hospital, Lower Common, S.W.15.—Miss D. de Meya Warren, S.R.N., S.C.M., D.N.(London), M.B.C.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor. She was trained at Charing Cross Hospital, London, where she was later Night Sister and Ward Sister, and has been Pay Wards Sister at the General Hospital, Barbados, B.W.I.

SISTER TUTOR.

David Lewis Northern Hospital, Liverpool.—Miss Mary Boyce, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Ilford Isolation Hospital, and the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary, Stoke-on-Trent, where she was later Staff Nurse, Ward Sister and Night Sister, and has also been Gynaecological and Theatre Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Derby, Night Sister at the Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital, and Sister Tutor and Theatre Sister at the Batley and District Hospital.

South Western Hospital, Landor Road, Stockwell, S.W.—Miss M. W. Hooper, R.F.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, where she was later Staff Nurse, and at the Park Fever Hospital, Hither Green, where she was the Gold Medallist, 1926. Miss Hooper has also been Sister at the North Western Hospital, Hampstead, and at St. Mary Abbot's Hospital, Kensington, and holds the Sister Tutors' Certificate of the Battersea Polytechnic.

RESIGNATION.

Many nurses who owe much to the teaching of Miss M. A. Gullan, Sister Tutor at St. Thomas's Hospital, will learn with regret that she has resigned this position which for 21 years she has filled so ably. They will realise, however, that after the strenuous work she has accomplished during this period she must need, and is fully entitled to the prolonged holiday which she proposes to take by a visit to Australia.

Miss Gullan was trained at University College Hospital, and subsequently worked at Brompton Hospital during the Matronship there of Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, and accompanied her, as Home Sister, to the Middlesex Hospital when she was appointed Matron. Later, when Dame Alicia returned to St. Thomas's Hospital as Matron and Head of the Nightingale Training School Miss Gullan was, by invitation of the Nightingale Council and the Governors of the hospital, appointed Sister Tutor there.

Among her many activities, reported in the *Nightingale Fellowship Journal*, Miss Gullan is a member of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, an examiner for the Diploma in Nursing of the University of London, and a member of the Advisory Committee to the Senate. She is also a member of the Education Committee of the International Council of Nurses. Her text-book, "The Theory and Practice of Nursing," now in its fourth edition, is evidence both of her professional knowledge and literary ability.

Miss Gullan is a member of the Congress Programme Committee of the International Council of Nurses, so it is hoped that on her return from Australia she may be able to take part in this important piece of work, in which connection her special knowledge of nursing education will be invaluable.

THE PASSING BELL.

It is with deep regret we record the death on Christmas Day of Miss Alice Simpkin, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., a member of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa for 21 years, as Nurse-in-Charge of the Hospital and Nursing Department on Likoma Island, Lake Nyasa.

Miss Simpkin was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, where she was Gold Medallist in the year 1906, during the Matronship of Miss Isla Stewart, and quite recently wrote when sending a contribution to the British College of Nurses, "as a token of gratitude to Florence Nightingale": "For nearly 21 years I have looked on from 8,500 miles away at all that is being done for our profession. THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING has so kept me in touch with things that I am eager to do something to help when I come home for good at the end of this year. I still hear Isla Stewart's voice inspiring her nurses to go forward."

Shortly after her return home it was evident that Miss Simpkin was seriously ill, and her many friends at home and in Africa will be glad to know that her last days were passed in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where, before joining the staff of the U.M.C.A., she had held the position of Night Sister and Ward Sister. We learn from Miss Baines, Assistant Matron, that she was greatly pleased with some flowers sent to her from the British College of Nurses on Christmas Eve and was very anxious that a message should be sent to the President expressing her pleasure at this remembrance.

Miss Simpkin, though of a retiring nature, held steadfastly, and never failed to express, her adherence to principles in which she believed, and retained to the last a keen interest in the welfare of her profession.

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