

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

General Lying-In Hospital, York Road, Lambeth, London, S.E.—Miss Edith Doubleday, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, London, where she was at one time Third Home Sister, and at the General Lying-in Hospital, where she was Staff Nurse, and later Superintendent of the Post Certificate School, and conjointly Superintendent of the St. John the Divine Districts. Miss Doubleday is a member of the Central Midwives Board, and an Examiner for the University of London (Diploma of Nursing, Obstetrics and Gynaecology).

Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Brompton, London.—Miss C. A. Smaldon, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Charing Cross Hospital, London, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton, and has held the position of Ward Sister at Princess Mary's Hospital, Margate, and Ward Sister, Out-patient Sister, Night Superintendent and Assistant Matron at Charing Cross Hospital.

Victoria Hospital for Children, Tite Street, Chelsea, London.—Miss K. Phipps, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained in the Nightingale Training School, St. Thomas's Hospital, and took Courses of Training at the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, and the Evelina Hospital for Sick Children, Southwark Bridge Road, London. Miss Phipps has been Sister of the Men's Ward, and of the Children's Ward, St. Thomas's Hospital, Sister in Charge of the Princess Mary Home (Paying Wards) of the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea; Temporary Sister in Charge of the Paying Wards at the South London Hospital for Women; and Matron at the Cobham and District Hospital, Cobham.

Manchester Victoria Memorial Jewish Hospital, Cheetham.—Miss Jean Doak, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Victoria Hospital, Burnley, where she has been Home and Housekeeping Sister. Miss Doak has also been Home Sister at the Lewisham Hospital, London, and Assistant Matron at the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

Lewisham Hospital, London, S.E.—Miss A. E. Mansfield, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Night Superintendent. She was trained at St. Stephen's Hospital, Fulham Road, S.W., and has been Sister, Relief Night Sister, and Relief Home Sister at Park Royal Hospital, Willesden, and Sister at Lewisham Hospital. Miss Mansfield has also done private nursing.

SISTER TUTOR.

Wembley Hospital, Middlesex.—Miss Catherine M. Stephens, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained in General Nursing and Midwifery at the Brownlow Hill Hospital, Liverpool; in Housekeeping at the General Hospital, Nottingham; and holds the Sanitary Science Certificate of the Liverpool School of Hygiene. Miss Stephens has been Ward Sister and Night Sister at the General Hospital, Birkenhead; Ward Sister at the North Middlesex County Hospital, Edmonton; and Assistant Sister Tutor at the Smithdown Road Hospital, Liverpool.

Colindale Hospital, The Hyde, Hendon.—Miss M. Pearce, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Mile End Hospital, London, E., where she has been Staff Nurse and Sister. Miss Pearce holds the Sister Tutor's Certificate.

ADMINISTRATIVE SISTER.

St. Alphege's Hospital, Vanbrugh Hill, London, S.E.—Miss M. Llewellyn, S.R.N., R.F.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Administrative Sister. She was trained at the Mayday Hospital, Thornton Heath, where she has been Medical and Surgical Ward Sister, Night Sister, and Maternity Sister. Miss Llewellyn has also been Sister at the Western Hospital, Fulham.

SISTER.

Charing Cross Hospital, London, W.C.—Miss Rosalind C. J. Edgecombe, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Sister of the Maternity Ward. She was trained at the Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings, and has been Staff Nurse, Holiday Ward and Night Sister at the General Lying-in Hospital, Lambeth; Sister and Assistant Matron at the Maternity Hospital, Woking; and Sister in Charge, who has carried out Matron's duties at the new Maternity Unit, Oster House, St. Albans, Herts. Miss Edgecombe is a member of London branch of the Midwifery Teachers' Group, the Midwives Institute, and holds a Midwifery Teacher's Certificate.

DISTRICT NURSING.

A message from Queen Mary thanking everyone connected with the Queen's Institute of District Nursing and congratulating them on the work done during the year was conveyed by the Earl of Athlone, president of the Institute, to the annual meeting held recently at the invitation of Captain the Hon. Gerald and Mrs. Portman at 22, Portman Square.

The Earl of Athlone added that the Queen also asked him to say she realised how much work had been done during the year, and she hoped that next year they would have an even larger number of nurses than during the past year.

In moving the adoption of the annual report, the Earl of Athlone said that in a sense the shortage of nurses was an appreciation of the work done by the institute. It was very difficult to draw the numbers they required because everybody wanted nurses. The hospitals were increasing their beds, and possibly the passion for nursing was not quite as strong as it was some years ago.

Sir Kingsley Wood, Minister of Health, said that the institute afforded a pre-eminent example of the part played by voluntary efforts and organisations in promoting good health in this country. A feature of their work was maternity nursing, particularly in rural areas. In England and Wales during 1934 the number of cases attended was 68,000. The mortality rate among those attended by the institute nurses was 2.74 a 1,000 as compared with 4.41 for the average. The Midwifery Bill now before Parliament was largely based on the result of the experiences of the Queen's Nurses and the village nurses and midwives.

One of the main provisions of the Bill was designed to secure that all efficient voluntary organisations should have a proper and adequate place in local co-ordinating schemes.

LONG SERVICE BADGES.

Long-service badges (21 years' unbroken service) were presented by Lady Aberdare to:—

Miss Lena M. Milford, Superintendent, Gloucestershire; Miss Marguerite G. Angel, Superintendent, Brixton; Miss Florence Browning, Superintendent, Fulham; Miss Annie Holden, Superintendent, Liverpool (Derby Lane); Miss Beatrice M. Johnson, Superintendent, Portsmouth; Miss Annie L. Bailey, Queen's Nurse, Hanley; Miss Selina Collier, Queen's Nurse, Bilston; Miss Mary A. Conalty, Queen's Nurse, Fulham; Miss Ethel R. Cooper, Queen's Nurse Newport, Isle of Wight; Miss Alice M. Gillett, Queen's Nurse, East London; Miss Evelyn M. Hedley, Queen's Nurse, Desford; Miss Elizabeth A. Jones, Queen's Nurse, Charminster; Miss Clara A. New, Queen's Nurse, Benwick; Miss Bertha Osborne, Queen's Nurse, Gosport; Miss Florence E. Simpson, Queen's Nurse, Coulsdon; Miss Esther Snowdon, Queen's Nurse, Worcester; and Miss Margaret E. Walsh, Queen's Nurse, Woolwich.

THE REGISTERED NURSE IGNORED.

There are no two opinions on the value of the fine work of the Queen's Nurses, and it is a pity that under the new Midwifery Bill—which quite rightly protects the

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