

## APPOINTMENTS.

## MATRON.

**Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford.**—Miss D. I. Henderson, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, London, where she subsequently held posts as Junior Sister, Preliminary Training School, House-keeping Sister, Holiday Sister and Senior Night Sister. Miss Henderson has also been Ward Sister and Night Sister at the Peninsula Maternity Hospital, Cape Town, and Sister Tutor at the Provincial Hospital, Port Elizabeth, S. Africa.

## MATRON OF TREATMENT ANNEXE.

**Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital, Church Street, Birmingham.**—Miss A. E. Sadler, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron of the Treatment Annexe. She was trained at the General Hospital, Kidderminster, and at the Eye Hospital, Oxford, and has been Sister of the Ophthalmic Unit, Royal Infirmary, Doncaster; Sister at the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital, Judd Street, London; and Sister at the Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital. Miss Sadler holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury.

## ASSISTANT MATRON.

**St. Mary's Infirmary, Leeds.**—Miss Annie Rowson, S.R.N., has been appointed Second Assistant Matron. She was trained at Bierley Infirmary, Clayton, Bradford and at Sir Titus Salt Hospital, Saltaire, has done private nursing in Huddersfield, and has been Ward Sister at St. John's Hospital, Keighley; Maternity Staff Nurse at the Municipal Hospital, Doncaster; Health Visitor and School Nurse at Doncaster; Ward Sister at the Municipal Hospital, Barnsley; Ward Sister at the London Road Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent; and Night Superintendent at Whiston Infirmary, Prescot, Lancs.

## NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

**Southend Municipal Hospital, Rochford, Essex.**—Mrs. I. R. Cambie, S.R.N., R.F.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Night superintendent. She was trained at the Hammersmith Hospital, the South Western Hospital, Stockwell, at which Hospital she was later Staff Nurse, and at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London. She has also been Sister at the Home Office Approved School, Streatham; Venereal Diseases Sister at the Royal Portsmouth Hospital, Portsmouth; Sister at Papworth Village Settlement, near Cambridge, and has done private nursing.

## SISTER HOUSEKEEPER.

**The Bolton Royal Infirmary, Bolton.**—Miss Elsie Appleton, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Housekeeper. She was trained at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield, and has been Ward Sister at the Devonshire Hospital, Buxton; Assistant Home Sister at the Children's Hospital, Leasowe, Cheshire; Diet Sister and Housekeeping Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Preston; Assistant Matron at Beckett Hospital, Barnsley, and has done private nursing in Manchester. Miss Appleton holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the Royal Hospital, Preston.

## HOME SISTER.

**Bolton Royal Infirmary, Bolton.**—Miss E. M. Thornhill, S.R.N., has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained at the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent; the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary, Stoke-on-Trent; at the Leicester Maternity Hospital, and has been Night Sister at the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent; Surgical Ward Sister at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, and Senior Night Sister at the Bolton Royal Infirmary. Miss Thornhill holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the General Hospital, Nottingham.

## OUT-PATIENTS' SISTER.

**Fulham Hospital, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith.**—Miss J. B. Mason, S.R.N., has been appointed Out-Patients' Sister. She was trained at St. Olave's Hospital, Bermondsey, where she was later Staff Nurse and Sister, and has also been Sister at the Goldie Leigh Hospital.

## SISTER-IN-CHARGE.

**Ambulance Section, Messrs. Henry Hughes & Son, Ltd.**—Miss F. M. Linton, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister-in-Charge. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, and at the Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield, where she was later Theatre Staff Nurse, and Ward Sister, and has also been Holiday Theatre Sister at the Empire Nursing Home, London, and Out Patient and Casualty Sister at the Royal Waterloo Hospital for Children and Women, London. Miss Linton has also done private nursing.

## DEACONESSES : ANCIENT AND MODERN.

By MISS ISABEL MACDONALD, S.R.N., F.B.C.N.

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## KAROLINE FLIEDNER (1811-1892).

Someone speaking of Karoline Fliedner said that to meet her was "like standing face to face with a princess, but a princess in the kingdom of love." In a study of the first two deaconess mothers one becomes conscious that each was, in a sense, complementary to the other. Friederike had more of the Martha nature; Karoline is typified more by the Mary personality. Friederike had the real flame of sacrifice in her and added to that the great quality that every idea, for the furtherance of a movement, became at once for her an ideal to be attained. To her imaginative faculties and strength of will the Kaiserswerth Institute owes its foundation almost entirely and she counted no sacrifice or personal suffering too great when the choice lay between personal interest and the well-being of the sick. We have heard already of how she set out to reform a hospital and to instal her deaconesses there, when her own children were hardly convalescent; we have referred to the sorrow that awaited her homecoming. Karoline Fliedner would appear to have had less of the fiery enthusiasm of Friederike but she had a fine ability to foster the seeds that the latter had sown. She was a character greatly beloved, a real mother to her own and Friederike's children and to the Deaconesses who came in such numbers to Kaiserswerth as the movement grew and spread itself abroad. "By God's grace I am what I am," was her oft repeated remark. The words are carved on her tombstone near the gate of the quiet cemetery at Kaiserswerth. Her "daughters" believed that in them lay the secret of her rich life, her strong personality, her gift of teaching and indeed the whole development of her work and service. The conditions of her early life were such that Pastor Fliedner, when he asked her to marry him, knew that Karoline Bertheau was well fitted to develop the work at Kaiserswerth and on his death-bed he said to her: "I pray that you will be allowed yet many years to carry on the work for which He has given you special gifts through your early life and through long years of experience." The prayer of the good Pastor was fulfilled, for the "princess of love" ruled, for about twenty years longer, like some old time royal abbess, in that "Institute of Love," whose seed was a little garden home.

Karoline Bertheau was descended from an old Huguenot family who in the seventeenth century left their country on religious grounds and came to live in Hamburg. Owing to their ability and industry they soon attained to success and won the respect of their fellow citizens. Karoline was born in 1811. She was one of a large family. With the war the prosperity of the Bertheau family had come to an end but, in spite of privations, it is recorded that Karoline was a particularly lively child. She always regarded as arising from spiritual guidance the fact that very early in life she came under the influence of Amalie Sieveking, "the friend of the poor and sick in Hamburg," as a publication from Kaiserswerth describes the latter. Karoline declared that the teaching of this great and noble woman influenced her whole life while, in her turn, Amalie Sieveking, when addressing a letter to Karoline, just prior to the latter's confirmation, writes words of highest commendation to the girl of seventeen. Karoline appears to have attained to independence at an early age and we find her, before she quite reaches womanhood and after her father's death, acting as governess in a wealthy family. The position, especially at their country house, seems to have been no very joyous one, but Karoline held that her experiences of home-sickness at this time helped her to understand better the position of the young deaconesses later. In 1839 she was seized by

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