

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRONS.

University College Hospital, London, W.C.—Mrs. Edith Olive Jackson, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at King's College Hospital, London, where she was later Ward Sister and Sister Housekeeper; and has been Matron at St. Peter's Hospital, Covent Garden, London, and Matron at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich.

Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro.—Miss M. E. Peeke, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Free Hospital, London, where she was later Casualty Sister, Sister Tutor, and Administrative Relief Sister. She has also been Staff Nurse at the General Hospital, Birmingham; Ward Sister at the General Hospital, Stroud, and Night and Casualty Sister at the Torbay Hospital, Torquay.

Birmingham and Midland Skin Hospital, Birmingham.—Miss Constance E. Hitchcock, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the London Hospital in General Nursing, Midwifery and Massage, and was Staff Nurse there. Miss Hitchcock has also been Sister, Private Patients' Block, Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells; and Housekeeping Sister at the Royal Cancer Hospital (Free), London. She received her Housekeeping Training at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol.

Kent County Ophthalmic and Aural Hospital, Maidstone.—Miss Florence L. R. Stevens, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End, Stratford, London, E., and has been Theatre Nurse and Assistant Night Sister at the Swansea General and Eye Hospital; Sister at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading; Sister Tutor at Charing Cross Hospital, London; Matron at the General Hospital, Saffron Walden; and Matron at the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital. Miss Stevens holds the Housekeeping Certificate of Charing Cross Hospital.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

General Infirmary, Macclesfield.—Miss A. M. Boxall, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon., and has been Theatre and O.P.D. Sister at the Pembroke War Memorial Hospital, Haverfordwest; Theatre Charge Nurse at the Royal Infirmary, Leicester; Sister, Ear, Nose and Throat Department Wards and Theatre at the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital; Theatre Sister at the Royal Hospital, Salford; Night Sister, Royal Infirmary, Bolton; Home Sister and Sister Tutor at the Keighley and District Victoria Hospital, Keighley; and Housekeeping and Domestic Science Training at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester.

North Ormesby Hospital, Middlesbrough.—Miss Dorothy M. Moase, S.R.N., M.B.C.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, London, N., where she has since been Medical and Surgical Ward Sister, and Housekeeping Sister.

SISTER-TUTOR AND HOME SISTER.

Keighley and District Victoria Hospital, Yorks.—Miss B. E. Dyson, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister-Tutor and Home Sister. She was trained at the District Infirmary and Children's Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne, and has been Ward Sister at the Westmorland County Hospital, Kendal; Ward Sister, Men's Ward, at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan; Theatre Sister and Deputy Assistant Matron at the North Lonsdale Hospital, Barrow-in-Furness; Senior Theatre Sister at the South London Hospital for Women; Tutor and Theatre Sister at the Cardiganshire General Hospital; and Theatre Sister at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL NAVAL NURSING SERVICE.

Miss M. E. Evans has been confirmed as a Nursing Sister with seniority of October 10th, 1938.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Sister Miss M. A. Mescall resigns her appointment on May 24th; Provisional Staff Nurse Miss A. M. Williams is confirmed in her appointment.

The following are to be Staff Nurses on provisional appointment: Miss L. M. Carter, Miss J. M. Murray, Miss B. N. Hughes, Miss V. K. Holden, on May 1st; Miss M. V. Hawley on May 5th.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

Queen Mary recently visited Banstead Wood, Surrey, to inspect the progress of the first "Country Hospital for Town Children" which is being built on an estate given by Mr. Stanley Garton to the Princess Elizabeth of York Hospital for Children in the East End. After visiting the wards, Her Majesty made a tour of the famous bluebell woods which surround the buildings.

It is the Board's intention to maintain its out-patient department as a clearing-station in Shadwell, but to transfer its in-patients by motor ambulance to Banstead where they can be nursed through illness and convalescence in the fresh country air.

Half of the new hospital is built, but another £100,000 is needed to complete the project.

The Countess of Mayo has issued a stirring appeal for funds for the Royal Eye Hospital situated in South-east London. Thirty-three thousand patients are treated in cramped quarters annually; about 50 little children are dealt with daily, but so crowded is this institution that there is no Children's Ward, and the little ones have to share the same Ward as the elderly people. Seven thousand industrial eye accidents are dealt with annually; these together with four thousand other eye casualties are treated in a little operating theatre not worthy of the name.

A queue of patients have to wait outside the building in all weathers for admittance to the basement for examination, where is to be found the tiny dispensary where one dispenser deals with 170 prescriptions daily.

A beautiful site (the site of the famous old Surrey Theatre) after years of saving, has been acquired at a cost of £13,500, but £200,000 is needed to erect an up-to-date building.

Presiding at the annual general meeting of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, the Chairman, Lord Southwood, announced that there was a deficit of over £10,000, for which special circumstances were responsible, including the running of the new and larger hospital and a fall in the number of legacies—of all incomes the most precarious. Against this the London County Council had agreed to rent most of the beds in the country branch hospital, thus affording financial relief while still leaving the management in the hands of the board of management. For the new buildings £300,000 was still needed.

Thirty-six beds had been reserved for paying patients in the new pay wards, which formed a self-contained unit with its own operating theatre, quarters for nursing mothers, and rooms for children's nannies. The hospital provided the finest surgical, medical, and nursing attention in the world.

Hospital week began in Liverpool Cathedral, on Sunday, May 14th, by an impressive service of Thanksgiving for the great Hospital tradition of Liverpool, and for all pioneers of that tradition, particularly Florence Nightingale. The Nurses' Annual Service was combined with this service and it was attended by the Lord Mayor (Sir Sydney Jones), and others, who were welcomed by Mr. Armstrong, Chairman of the Royal Liverpool United Hospital.

The choir stalls were filled with nurse representatives of Liverpool hospitals, and the large congregation consisted of people working for, in, and on behalf of hospitals.

The theme of the service may well be expressed in the closing words of the affirmation led by Lord Derby:—

"May we never be found wanting in determination to strengthen the hands of those who fight for the betterment of life through the enlarging of our good Hospital tradition."

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