

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

The New County Hospital, Hereford.—Miss Lilian A. Worley-Johnson, S.R.N., D.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, and at the Jessop Hospital, Sheffield; and has been Sister at the Battersea General Hospital, Sister-Tutor at the Princess Beatrice Hospital, and Assistant Matron and Sister-Tutor at the Putney Hospital, in London. Miss Worley-Johnson has also been Sister Tutor in the Fazackerley Group Hospitals, Liverpool; and Matron at the Lowestoft and North Suffolk Hospital, Lowestoft; holds the Sister Tutor's Certificate of the Battersea Polytechnic, and the Diploma of Nursing, London University.

Maternity Home, Barrow-in-Furness.—Miss Gertrude Tunstall, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Walton Hospital, Liverpool, where she was later Sister (Maternity), and has been Sister-in-Charge, Maternity Department, Borough General Hospital, Warrington; Sister-in-Charge, Park Hospital, Davyhulme; Sister Tutor, Lake Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne; and Senior Sister, Maternity Department, Municipal Hospital, Brighton.

Bangour Emergency Hospital, Edinburgh.—Miss I. B. H. Renton, R.G.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh (Affleck Medallist); in Midwifery at the Royal Maternity and Simpson Memorial Hospital. Miss Renton has been Sister Tutor and Home Sister, Astley Ainslie Institution, Edinburgh; Ward Sister and Night Sister, Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury; Senior Night Sister, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh; Assistant Matron, Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. She holds the Certificate of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, Diploma of Nursing, London University and the Midwife Teacher's Certificate of Scotland. She is an Examiner to the General Nursing Council for Scotland, and a member of the Royal College of Nursing.

Rosedene Maternity Hospital, Inverness.—Miss I. Nixon, R.G.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and Royal Maternity and Simpson Memorial Hospital, Edinburgh. She was Staff Nurse, Holiday Sister and Night Sister in the Royal Maternity and Simpson Memorial Hospital, Edinburgh, and Labour Ward Night Sister at the Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. She is a member of the Scottish Midwives Association.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

The New County Hospital, Hereford.—Miss Christine Hanson-Pullen, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Princess Beatrice Hospital, the Plaistow Fever Hospital, and the British Hospital for Mothers and Babies, in London; and has been Night Sister at St. Saviour's Hospital, London; Surgical, Medical and Maternity Ward Sister at the Lowestoft and North Suffolk Hospital, Lowestoft; and Home Sister and Sister Tutor at the Royal Hospital for Incurables, London.

Baguley Sanatorium, near Altrincham, Cheshire.—Miss Elizabeth Moore, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Hope Hospital, Salford, where she was later Staff Nurse in the X-Ray Department, and Maternity and Ante-Natal Sister. Miss Moore has also been Holiday Sister at the Epsom County Hospital; Night Sister at the Warwick Hospital; and Pupil Housekeeper at the Women's Hospital, Catherine Street, Liverpool.

Shenley Hospital for Nervous and Mental Illness, Shenley, near St. Albans.—Miss Grace S. Mitchell, S.R.N., R.M.N., has been appointed Junior Assistant Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, and at the Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries. Miss Mitchell is a Gold Medallist, and has been Ward and Theatre Sister at Springfield Mental Hospital, London, S.W.17.

ASSISTANT MATRON AND SISTER TUTOR.

Municipal General Hospital, Moorgate, Rotherham.—Miss Nellie Hilton, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham, where she was later Ward Sister and Night Sister; and has also been Night Superintendent and Acting Sister Tutor, at the Staincliffe County Hospital, Dewsbury.

SISTER-IN-CHARGE.

Leicester Royal Infirmary Maternity Hospital.—Miss V. M. Sim, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister-in-Charge. She was

trained at King's College Hospital, London, where she later was engaged in administrative duties for six months. Miss Sim spent six months in Private Nursing; from 1936 to January, 1940, she had practical, teaching and administrative experience at the Liverpool Maternity Hospital; and from January to July, 1940, took the Housekeeping Course of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich. She holds the Midwife Teacher's Diploma.

HOME AND THEATRE SISTER.

Borough General Hospital, Ipswich.—Miss H. L. Dare, S.R.N., has been appointed Home and Theatre Sister. She was trained at St. James's Hospital, Balham, where she was later Staff Nurse; and has been Staff Nurse and Theatre and Out-patient Department Sister at the Wilson Hospital, Mitcham; and Medical Ward Sister at St. Chad's Hospital, Birmingham, where she also took her Housekeeping Training.

SISTER TUTOR.

Lincoln County Hospital, Lincoln.—Miss P. A. Clark, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, where she was Theatre Staff Nurse and Sister; Theatre Sister, Hull Royal Infirmary; had experience in private nursing in Harrogate; X-Ray and Theatre Sister at Middleton-in-Wharfedale Sanatorium, Ilkley; and also Sister Tutor at Middleton Sanatorium, Ilkley.

MISS E. J. BUTLER RESIGNS.

Miss E. J. Butler, a Principal Matron on the Nursing Central Administrative Staff of the London County Council, has resigned. Miss Butler, then Matron of the Southern Hospital, was promoted to her present position in 1930, and her long experience and wide knowledge of institutional nursing will be a great loss to the L.C.C. Central Nursing Service.

HELMETS FOR NURSES.

For some time the Managers of the Queen's Institute for District Nursing have been anxious that Queen's Nurses and Midwives, who have to run risks on duty from raids and bombs, should be provided by the Government with steel helmets. This would appear to be a national duty for the safety of these invaluable public servants. But no; for some time as usual the Ministry of Health "could not see its way." Then the public and *The Times* found no difficulty in doing so. Result, the following satisfactory information from the Hon. Secretary of the Institute, in reply to a letter to the Minister of Health.

Sir,—The attention of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing has been called to a letter in *The Times* of September 5th on the subject of the provision of steel helmets for district nurses. Representations on this subject have been made to the Ministry of Health from time to time, and a circular (No. 2124) has been received from them, stating that the subject had received consideration and asking local authorities to supply particulars of the number of helmets and respirators required for midwives and also for district nurses who are not midwives. It is hoped that this need will be supplied as soon as a sufficient number of helmets is available.

Nursing associations should therefore, apply to the scheme-making authorities of their county borough or area, stating the number of midwives or district nurses employed. In the case of those associations which are affiliated to the County nursing associations, the necessary steps will doubtless be taken by the County Associations on their behalf.

This matter has given very grave anxiety to the Queen's Institute and all responsible for the safety of midwives and district nurses, whose service to the community is now being carried on under such dangerous conditions, and we welcome the sympathetic decision of the Ministry in this urgent matter.

Yours faithfully,

D. KEVILL-DAVIES, Hon. Secretary of the Q.I.D.N., Chairman of the Midwifery Committee.

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