

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

City of Leicester Day Nursery.—Miss Irene Cutler, S.R.N. has been appointed Matron. She has been Matron of the Borough of Wimbledon Day Nursery for ten years.

ASSISTANT MATRON AND SUPERVISOR OF MIDWIFERY:

Saint Mary's Hospitals for Women and Children, Manchester.—Miss Gladys O. Moorcroft, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Assistant Matron and Supervisor of Midwifery. She was trained at St. James's Hospital, Balham, London, and has been Assistant Matron and Tutor Sister at the Leeds Maternity Hospital; Home Sister and Sister Tutor at the Cornelia and East Dorset Hospital, Poole; and Matron at the City Maternity Home, Heigham Grove, Norwich. Miss Moorcroft holds the Teachers' Diploma of Midwifery.

ASSISTANT MATRON

Newcastle General Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.—Miss A. Davy, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed First Assistant Matron. She was trained at King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, where she was a Gold Medallist, and at Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End, London, where she gained the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board. Miss Davy has been Night Sister at the Aberdeen Maternity Hospital; Labour Ward Sister at Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End, London; Home Sister, Housekeeping Sister, and Sister Tutor at the General Hospital, Salisbury; and Matron at the Elstree School Sanatorium. She holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the General Hospital, Salisbury.

Surrey County Sanatorium, Milford, near Godalming.—Miss Winifred Davies, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed First Assistant Matron. She has been Night Sister at the Gorseinon General Hospital; Ward Sister at the City General Hospital, Leicester; Night Sister at the Mansfield and District Hospital; Night Superintendent, and Housekeeping Sister at the Grove Park Hospital, London, S.E. Miss Davies holds a Housekeeping Certificate.

ASSISTANT MATRON AND HOUSEKEEPING SISTER.

Isolation Hospital, Honey Lane, Waltham Abbey, Essex.—Miss D. M. Hateley, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron and Housekeeping Sister. She was trained at the University College Hospital, London, and at the Little Bromwich Hospital, Birmingham, where she was later Ward Sister, and Junior and Senior Night Sister. Miss Hateley took her Housekeeping Training at the General Hospital, Birmingham.

HOME SISTER.

Horton General Hospital, Banbury, Oxon.—Miss A. M. Walters, S.R.N., has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained at the Isolation Hospital, Reading, and at the London Hospital, where she was later Staff Nurse. Miss Walters has also been Ward Sister at Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton, and Assistant Home Sister; Ward Sister at King Edward VII Hospital, Sheffield; Night Sister at the Alexandra Hospital, Swanley; and Domestic Staff Home Sister at Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital, Alton.

FUTURE HEALTH OF THE NATION.

The British Medical Association has set up a Medical Planning Commission "to study war-time developments and their effects on the country's medical services both present and future."

The Commission will consist of 68 doctors representing all branches of the profession, under the presidency of Colonel Thomas Fraser, D.S.O., Consulting Physician to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

"The B.M.A. now proposes to prepare for the return of peace so that medicine may be ready to meet its responsibilities in a world in which many values will be changed, fresh conceptions of society will be formed, and in which new stresses and strains will appear in the moral, material and economic fabric of the democracy we hold to be our rightful heritage."

At a future date we hope the National Council of Nurses will take counsel together to discuss the future organisation of more efficient nursing of the people both in prevention of sickness and its cure.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

"OUR COURAGE AND FORTITUDE."

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

In sending her subscription to the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, Miss L. L. Dock writes from Fayetteville, U.S.A.:

"I cannot tell you with what grief and affliction I send this little scrap. Would that it were ten times as much. I think I must owe a subscription for the journal, the rest will do for stamps. What can one say of the courage and fortitude of all of you? Why do you try to send the Journal now? Save that bit of energy for home.

"I hope there are no other worlds where living creatures are destroying one another as on this unhappy globe. I cannot help loving the innocent and helpless, guiltless, sheep-like people in every country. I know who, if I could, I would lock up."

[We realise that no heart is more sensitive to the horrors of the world in this crisis than that of Lavinia Dock. She has spent her life in pouring out sympathy for the under man, and the savage persecution of the weak by the strong in this struggle is, we feel sure, especially painful to her; but "the courage and fortitude" of those who intend to crush persecution and tyranny will, we have no doubt, prevail in this struggle.—ED.]

HELP FOR "OUR COLLEGE."

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—My very best wishes to you for 1941, and may it bring us "Victory and Peace."

Enclosed find cheque for £2 17s., Miss K. M. Peacock's and my own subscription to the British College of Nurses. The odd 15/- is to pay for our copies of the JOURNAL for this year. We both feel, hard hit as we are like everybody else, we *must* do our little bit to help our College that is doing and has done so much for us.

With all kind thoughts,
Yours sincerely,

HELENA McLOUGHLIN.

[This letter and financial help is most gratefully received by the Editor; a *free* voice in the press is the most valuable of all assets to a profession.—ED.]

THANKS FOR "THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING."

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

HEADINGLEY.

DEAR EDITOR,—My Journal arrived this morning, but have had no time to look at it yet, but I always am pleased to see it, as it shows how things are being done in spite of all this upheaval.

One's thoughts go out so often to all friends when hearing of the havoc, and wonder who has come through or otherwise.

It was grievous to see from last month's Journal that 39, Portland Place was smashed. I was sorry when the College had to move, as it was so central; however, it has proved a blessing in disguise, though our new College house has not been far from the centre of the fray. I do so hope you are not taking too much risk, and that you are somewhere where you can sleep. We have been so fortunate here, but feel our time may come yet.

Having worked in Greece, you will feel most interested and gratified with their wonderful resistance, and if it were not for the terrible misery and desolation one could almost be pleased that this ordeal has brought out so many noble

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