

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRONS.

**York County Hospital.**—Miss B. H. Moir, R.G.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, where she has recently held the appointment of Sister Tutor and Housekeeping Sister. Miss Moir has also been Medical Ward Sister at the Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow; Surgical Ward Sister at the Kilmarnock Infirmary; Night Sister in Charge at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Aberdeen; and Home Sister and Sister Tutor at the Breyby Hall Orthopaedic Hospital, near Burton-on-Trent.

**Borough General Hospital, Southampton.**—Miss Doris Nicholson, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, London, and at the Princess Mary Maternity Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Miss Nicholson has been Staff Nurse, Q.A.I.M.N.S., Netley Military Hospital; Staff Nurse at St. Mary's L.C.C. Hospital, Highgate; Ward Sister and Night Sister at the Mile End L.C.C. Hospital, E.; Administrative Sister at St. Charles' L.C.C. Hospital, W.; Administrative Sister (Acting Night Superintendent) at the Horton Emergency L.C.C. Hospital, Epsom; Administrative Sister (Acting Sister-in-Charge) Nurseries at Banstead Residential L.C.C. School; Administrative Sister (Acting Assistant Matron and Housekeeper) at the Bethnal Green, L.C.C. Hospital, E.; and Assistant Matron at the Brighton Municipal Hospital.

**Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, Pendlebury.**—Miss G. D. Stevens, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Gloucester Royal Infirmary and Eye Institution, where she was later Staff Nurse, and at the Cheltenham Children's Hospital. Miss Stevens has also been engaged in nursing private patients in Bristol, Freemason's Hospital, London, and at Worthing; and has been Children's Ward Sister at the London Jewish Hospital; Assistant Superintendent at the Nurses' Hourly and Private Service, Ltd., London; Sister Tutor and Second Assistant Matron at the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital; and Assistant Matron at the Redhill County Hospital, Redhill, Surrey.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

**Macclesfield General Infirmary.**—Miss M. M. Carter, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover, which is affiliated to the West Kent General Hospital, and has been Night Staff Nurse at the Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield; Night Sister at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover; Ward Sister at the Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester; and has served with Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.

**Cherry Knowle Emergency Hospital, Ryhope, near Sunderland.**—Miss Gladys Douglas, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the General Hospital, South Shields, and at Leeds and Huddersfield, and has been Second Assistant Matron, County Hospital, Farnborough; and also held posts as Home Sister, Night Superintendent, Ward Sister, Midwife, etc.

### HOME SISTER.

**Hospital for Infectious Diseases and Grindon Hall Sanatorium, Sunderland.**—Miss H. Atkinson, S.R.N., R.F.N., has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained at St. Andrew's Hospital, London, E., and at the Western Fever Hospital, Fulham, where she was later Staff Nurse. Miss Atkinson has also been engaged in Private Nursing at Professor Willan's Private Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and has been Ward Sister at the Isolation Hospital, Gateshead, Co. Durham; and Night Sister at the Isolation Hospital, Ipswich. She holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the Halifax Royal Infirmary.

## THE PASSING BELL.

### THE WAR OFFICE.

We regret to record the death of Miss Ellen Amelia Ladkin, Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve, S.R.N., S.C.M., on November 11th, 1941, as the result of an accident while serving in the Middle East.

Miss Ladkin was trained at St. James's Hospital, London, 1923-27, served in Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve at home, and in Palestine from 1936-37. She was again called up at the beginning of this war and proceeded to the Middle East.

## THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND.

We are always interested to receive the Annual Report of the National Institute for the Blind; and this year the paper is as good, the printing as clear, and the illustrations as attractive as ever.

The King, the Queen, and Queen Mary are Patrons of the Institute; the Princess Royal is President of Chorleywood College, and Princess Beatrice is President of the Sunshine Homes.

The Headquarters, Great Portland Street, London, W., still stand; but one of the Sunshine Homes, the Talking Book Recording Studio, a Branch Office, a "Blintraders" kiosk, and the headquarters of the Home Industries Department have been destroyed or damaged by enemy action.

### Homes of Recovery.

Three such centres have already been established, where newly blinded men and women will recover, not only health, but confidence in their ability to lead lives no less useful and happy than before.

The first Home of Recovery was opened at "Long Meadow," the house of the Chairman, Captain Sir Beachcroft Towse, V.C., for which Lord Nuffield made a gift of £10,000 to Sir Beachcroft Towse personally. Later, the British War Relief Society of the United States of America made a gift of £9,000 for the purchase of a house at Torquay, which has been renamed "America Lodge" in honour of the donors. A third Home, "Oldbury Grange," Bridgnorth, Shropshire, designed to serve in particular the industrial areas in the North of England, has been acquired. It is too early as yet to say whether three Homes will be sufficient for their needs; 65 civilians have already been blinded in air-raids, and the Institute promises that not one of them will be allowed to face the future without every help which skill and perseverance can provide.

### Sunshine Homes for Blind Babies.

The Homes at East Grinstead and Leamington have been full throughout the year. The Southport Home was demolished early this year by enemy action; three young nurses lost their lives, and two others were gravely injured, but the children were all saved from harm.

So far, two infants blinded in air-raids have been received at the Homes, and it is hoped they will find in the Homes the way to happy and useful lives.

### Court Grange Special School.

Life in this School in South Devon for retarded blinded boys and girls has scarcely been affected by the War. Here are pictures of the results of the expert and patient individual training needed by backward blind children.

Nine pupils entered last Autumn for the examination of the Associated Board and Royal Schools of Music, London. All nine were successful, three with distinctions, three with credits. It is noteworthy that all the children were trained by a blind musician.

### Chorleywood College.

During the year there have been eight new pupils, and the Preparatory School has passed on its first contingent of boys to Worcester College.

Examination successes include three School Certificates, six Bronze Medals for Swimming, four Intermediate Certificates of the Royal Life Saving Society. Old Girls have gained an Oxford Honours Degree in English and Certificates of the Chartered Society of Massage, and have responded to war-time needs as wardens, fire-watchers, nurses and social workers.

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