

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Halifax General Hospital.—Miss N. Spilman, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Leeds General Infirmary, and has been Night Sister and Assistant Matron at the Metropolitan Hospital, London; Sister Tutor at the Nelson Hospital, Wimbledon; Sister Tutor at the Chester Royal Infirmary; and Matron at the London Chest Hospital.

Municipal Hospital for Infectious Diseases and Tuberculosis, Wakefield.—Miss Clara Bell, S.R.N., R.F.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. James's Hospital, Balham, and at the Grimsby Isolation Hospital. Miss Bell served as Staff Nurse in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. on active service in France, 1918–1919, and has been Night Sister, Assistant Matron and House-keeping Sister, and Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor at the London Fever Hospital, Islington, and Sister Tutor at Lodge Moor Hospital, Sheffield.

DEPUTY MATRON.

Municipal Hospital for Infectious Diseases and Tuberculosis, Wakefield.—Miss Kathleen Boyd, S.R.N., R.F.N., has been appointed Deputy Matron. She was trained at St. Luke's Hospital, Bradford, and at the Isolation Hospital, Ipswich, and has been Ward Sister at the Isolation Hospital, Rawmarsh, Ward and Relief Sister in Charge, and Matron at the Isolation Hospital, Blaby, Leicester. Miss Boyd took the Housekeeping Course of the Leeds General Infirmary.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

County Hospital, Pembury, near Tunbridge Wells.—Miss I. M. Thorogood, S.R.N., has been appointed Night Superintendent. She was trained at Charing Cross Hospital, London; Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, Tunbridge Wells; and Maternity Nursing Association, London. Miss Thorogood has been Ward Sister and Night Sister at Charing Cross Hospital, and has done Housekeeping at the Croydon General Hospital.

ASSISTANT MATRON AND SISTER TUTOR.

General Hospital, Loughborough.—Miss V. Iremonger, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, and the Sussex Maternity and Women's Hospital, Brighton, and has been Ward Sister, Royal Alexandra Hospital, Brighton, Ward and Theatre Sister at the Winchester College Sanatorium, Night Sister at the Westmorland County Hospital, Kendal, and Assistant Matron, Tutor and Home Sister at the Derbyshire Children's Hospital. Miss Iremonger took the Housekeeping course at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

LEGACIES FOR NURSES.

Mr. George Percy Hill, of Ilkley, Yorks, left £93,708 9s. 8d. gross, with net personalty £88,199 3s. 3d. He left £10,000 personal chattels, and £150 to Elizabeth W. Farrell, nurse, together with one-sixth of the residue of his property.

THE PASSING BELL.

MISS SARAH LUCY WILSHAW, R.R.C.

We regret to record the death on February 18th, 1942, of Miss Sarah Lucy Wilshaw, R.R.C. and Bar, late Matron, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Miss Wilshaw, who was trained at the London Hospital, joined the Army Nursing Service in 1887. On the re-organisation of this Service, she was appointed to Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, in which she served as Sister and Matron, in Egypt and at home, until her retirement in 1911.

On the outbreak of the Great War, Miss Wilshaw again took up nursing duties, and served as Matron until she finally retired in 1919. For her valuable services Miss Wilshaw was awarded the Royal Red Cross and Bar.

He that is used to go forward, and findeth a Stop, falleth out of his own favour, and is not the thing he was.—BACON.

WHAT TO READ.

MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

- "The Mother of Victoria." Dorothy Margaret Stuart.
- "Catherine of Aragon." Garrett Mattingly.
- "Crusader in Crinoline": The Life of Harriet Beecher Stowe. Forrest Wilson.
- "Josef Stalin, Man of Steel." David M. Cole.

FICTION.

- "Miledi," Nelson's Emma. Bradda Field.
- "House in the Dust." Doris Leslie.
- "Put Out More Flags." Evelyn Waugh.
- "The Sword and the Net." Warren Stuart.
- "John Brown's Body." George Boshell.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- "The Job to Be Done." Rt. Hon. Ernest Bevin, M.P.
- "Poland at Arms." Anna Maclaren.
- "Denmark in Nazi Chains." Paul Palmer.
- "Japanese Frenzy." Simon Harcourt-Smith.
- "Nutrition and the War." Dr. George Bourne.

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.

THE IDOLATRY OF MOLOCH.

The Editor has received the following interesting letter from a friend in U.S.A., always courageous and truly benevolent:—

"VERY DEAR MILITANT FRIEND,

"We are all in the same boat now, and I am ashamed to be sending you so small a little bit of money, yet I know you will put it to the best use, perhaps for some old and invalid creature. What with all the needs of the refugee and starving people abroad, Red Cross, taxes, and defence bonds at home, money does not reach around and is of no use except for doing what one can with it. As to defence bonds, I wrote to our Treasury, one of whose men I know, that as soon as big business had brought them to the full extent of the profits they had gained during all the time past by selling materials to Japan that were meant, as everyone knows, for war uses, then I would also buy defence bonds. Our huge octopus corporations have plenty of money (I hope the Censor will not cross this out). I have been, as you may guess, slow to take on a war spirit, chiefly because I believe that the whole horror could and should have been prevented. I still think this, but now our Nemesis is upon us and we must meet the results of our misdeeds. How long, I wonder, will it take for this atavism to be outgrown and for men to get over the idolatry of Moloch? I only hope now that we shall all be as fearless, determined, cheerful and level-headed as the English people and the other masses who are so sorely tried—tried, we would think, beyond the bounds of human endurance. Much of my love and faith goes, as you may guess, to that great country now at close grips with the enemy in a way that we cannot as yet emulate. You know machines cannot be made as quickly as men can be mustered, and this is a war of machines. With love and hope for all of you."

[We publish this letter, as we think it will be well for our politicians at home to realise that people throughout the world feel bitterly that they have been let down through avarice, and that attempts to suppress freedom of opinion through the Press is the most futile policy possible and productive of explosion.—ED.]

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