

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRONS.

**Preston and County of Lancaster Royal Infirmary.**—Miss N. Livesey, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron. She was trained in General Nursing at the Manchester Royal Infirmary; in Midwifery at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London; and in Housekeeping at King's College Hospital, London. Miss Livesey has been Ward Sister at the North Staffs Royal Infirmary; Night Sister at the Portsmouth Royal Hospital; Assistant Sister Tutor at the Nottingham General Hospital; and Second Assistant Matron and First Assistant Matron at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

**Southampton Children's Hospital.**—Miss Dorette Golay, S.R.N., R.S.C.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained in General Nursing at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and in Sick Children's Nursing at the Princess Elizabeth of York Hospital, London. Miss Golay received her Housekeeping Certificate at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, where she remained as Ward Sister, Night Sister, and Administrative Sister. She has held posts at Christ's Hospital, Horsham, the London Clinic, and the Royal Masonic Hospital, and has been Assistant Matron at E.M.S. Base Hospital, Hemel Hempstead.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

**Boundary House Institution, Uttoxeter Road, Derby.**—Miss Una F. Starsmore, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, and has been Matron at the Victoria Memorial Home of Rest, Derby, for 11 years.

### HOME SISTER.

**Hewlington Emergency Hospital, Middlesbrough.**—Miss L. Frame, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained in General Nursing at the Nottingham General Hospital; in Midwifery at the Leeds Maternity Hospital; and in Housekeeping at the Royal Hospital, Chesterfield. Miss Frame has been Staff Nurse at the Sunderland Royal Infirmary; Ward Sister at the North Ormesby Hospital, Middlesbrough; Night Sister at the Hants County Hospital, Winchester; Assistant Matron and Home Sister at the Kent County Ophthalmic and Aural Hospital, Maidstone, Kent; and Matron at the Newcastle Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital.

### DEPUTY SISTER IN CHARGE, MIDWIFERY UNIT.

**Brighton Municipal Hospital.**—Miss Ella Laidler, S.R.N., S.C.M., R.F.N., has been appointed Deputy-Sister in charge of the Midwifery Unit. She was trained in general nursing at St. Alfege's Hospital, Greenwich, in midwifery at the Hackney Hospital and Royal Northern Hospital, London, in fever nursing at the City Fever Hospital, London, and in T.B. nursing at Dawber Sanatorium, London. Miss Laidler has been Deputy-Sister at the Lambeth Hospital, and Maternity Sister at L.C.C. St. Andrew's Hospital, Bow, and at St. John's Maternity Home at Northampton.

### THE PASSING BELL.

It is with deep regret we record that Sister Mary Margaret Murray Mackay, S.R.N., S.C.M., Territorial Army Nursing Service, has died in Middle East after an operation for appendix abscess.

Miss Mackay received her training at the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, from March, 1933, to November, 1936. She became an enrolled member in the Territorial Army Nursing Service in December, 1936, and was embodied for Military Service with T.A.N.S. in November, 1939, being posted for duty to the 15th (Scottish) General Hospital. She was an experienced theatre sister.

### GERANIUM DAY COLLECTIONS.

The gross receipts from this year's Geranium Day (March 28th)—the annual street collection for the blind—amounted to £24,611 16s. 5d. The cost of the collection was £1,966 17s. 9d. The net result, £22,644 18s. 8d., is to be distributed among the 19 participating societies.

Of this amount £22,135 17s. 2d. was collected in the Metropolitan Police area at a cost of £1,768 19s. 11d., yielding a net total of £20,366 17s. 3d.

## WHAT TO READ.

### MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

- "Princess Elizabeth at Home." Lisa Sheridan.
- "R.A.M.C." The story of the Royal Army Medical Corps. Anthony Cotterell.
- "Edward Carpenter, 1844-1929."
- "A Victorian Diarist." Edited by Hon. E. C. F. Collier. Extracts from the journals of Lady Mary Monkswell, 1873-1895.

### FICTION.

- "Five Survive." Charles Graves.
- "Ten Trials to Tyburn." Bruce Graeme.
- "The Ballad and the Source." Rosamond Lehmann.
- "War Tide." A novel of China to-day. Lin Taiyi.
- "Rosie Todmarsh." Adrian Alington.
- "Full Cycle." Ripley Webb.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

- "Home from Sea." Godfrey Winn.
- "Home-Guard of Britain." Charles Graves.
- "We Saw the Holy City." Leslie Farmer.
- "The Great Powers and the Balkans, 1875-8." B. D. Stojanovic.
- "Yeoman's Hospital." Helen Ashton.
- "Here Where the World is Quiet." Hubert Nicholson.
- "The Times We Live In." Quinton Hogg.
- "The Nation's Health." Professor J. M. Mackintosh.
- "The New Patriotism and the Old." Dr. E. Wingfield-Stratford.

## 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.*

### GRENFELL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—Thank you so much for your kind letter and for the delightful gift from the Council of the British College of Nurses which has touched us very much. I should be grateful if at your next meeting you would convey to the members our sincere gratitude for their help.

You have always been so good in giving notice of our Christmas cards, and each year we receive very many orders through it. Such help is a real benefit to our funds, and every year our circle widens through your advertisement of them and brings us new supporters.

I enclose two sets of cards, and perhaps you will accept one set for your personal use.

Yours sincerely,

K. SPALDING,  
Hon. Secretary.

### KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

#### A Chance for the G.N.C.

A *Submerged S.R.N.* writes: "With the election of a new General Nursing Council, there is an opportunity for a more liberal and progressive policy and it is to be hoped the present system of ignoring the electorate will cease. I do not believe that any other class of professional woman would submit to the ignominious position in which Registered Nurses have been placed by the Council. We are entirely ignored, and are liable to be whisked off the Register, after years of study, examination and payment of fees—and thus de-graded without notice—and our professional status denied to us. Our headquarters, for which we have paid, are used without our consent, and

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