

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**Essex County Hospital, Colchester.**—Miss Grace M. B. Fernley, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the University College Hospital, London, and has been Ward Sister at the Croydon General Hospital; Night Superintendent at the Royal Berkshire Hospital; Senior Home Sister, and Assistant Matron at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich.

**Kidderminster and District General Hospital.**—Miss Vera G. Stuart, S.R.N., R.S.C.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Hospital, Cheltenham, and has been Matron at the Newark Town and District General Hospital, and at the General Infirmary, Macclesfield.

**Margate and District General Hospital, Margate.**—Miss E. M. Rice, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Nightingale School, St. Thomas' Hospital, London, and has been Ward Sister, St. Thomas' Hospital Unit, Botley's Park War Hospital; Night Charge, Nurse and Deputy Night Sister, Ward Sister, and Acting Assistant Matron at St. Thomas' Hospital, Hydestile. Miss Rice holds the Part I. Certificate of the Central Midwives' Board, and the Certificate in Hospital Administration of the Royal College of Nursing.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

**Bromley and District Hospital, Kent.**—Miss E. M. Young, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the London Hospital, Whitechapel Road, London, and served as Ward Sister and Night Sister at the Government Hospital, Rangoon. Miss Young has also been Ward Sister, Thoracic Surgical Unit, and Relief Administrative Sister at St. Mary Abbot's Hospital, London; Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S. 1935-1939; and Relief Administrative Sister at the Hammersmith L.C.C. Hospital.

## THE ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE.

### PARTICULARS OF MEETINGS.

We have pleasure in publishing herewith details of the Meetings arranged to be held by the Royal Sanitary Institute, which we feel sure will be of interest to our readers.

**SOUTHAMPTON SESSIONAL MEETING, Saturday, September 27th, 1947, at 10.0 a.m., at the Civic Centre, Southampton.** Papers on "The Welfare of the Shop Assistant," by B. T. Tanner, Senior Factory and Shops Inspector, Southampton, and "Venereal Diseases—Past, Present and Future," by R. M. Warren, B.A., M.B., Ch.B., Clinical Venereal Diseases Officer, Southampton. In the afternoon, a visit will be paid to one of the Union Castle liners in the Southampton Docks. Chairman, Dr. Charles Porter (Vice-President).

**CHESTER SESSIONAL MEETING, Friday, October 3rd, 1947, at 10.45 a.m., in the Town Hall, Chester.** Papers on "The Administrative Aspects of the Care of Children," by Arnold Brown, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., County Medical Officer of Health, Cheshire, and "The Replanning of an Ancient City," by Charles Greenwood, M.I.C.E., L.R.I.B.A., Barrister-at-Law, City Engineer and Surveyor, Chester. Chairman, George Laws, M.B.E., Chairman-elect of Council.

**LONDON SESSIONAL MEETING, Wednesday, October 15th, 1947, at 2.30 p.m., at the Institute.** Paper on "Some Features of American Plumbing and their application to this Country," by F. L. Barrow, M.Sc., A.M.I.C.E., Principal Scientific Officer, Building Research Station (Department of Scientific and Industrial Research). Chairman, George Laws, M.B.E., Chairman-elect of Council.

## FEW THOUGHTS OF ONE WOMAN.

### LOVE YE ONE ANOTHER

A recent article suggested that "to love other people, whether of one's own nationality or another, should not involve much effort."

Maybe that sentence contains the reason for Christianity's present world-wide failure. We see what is needed, we can speak of the remedy, but we do not feel as we should, and so we cannot effect the cure. We never will so long as it is thought that to love one another involves no effort.

Love for mankind led Jesus, after three years' continual effort, through Gethsemane and on to Golgotha. His followers are, in the main, satisfied to relegate his teaching to the Sunday sermon and feel virtuous should a hint of it be seen in an occasional leading article. Our personal responsibility for ourselves and for each other is ignored, and we pay a negative lip service to the example of Jesus by condemning the educationalists for our own failures.

In the abstract, it is agreed that love and international understanding can ensure peace. Had it been conceived in the true spirit which places humanity above Empire and right before might, all peoples, regardless of country, creed or colour, could find security and justice within the framework of the Atlantic Charter. But Political Expediency was the name of one of its parents, and so the Charter might find itself consigned to dust collecting in the company of much pious but dead hope. "In the abstract"—therein lies the tragedy. The pen that can write of love and international understanding does not acknowledge the second commandment of Jesus—"Bear ye one another's burdens . . ."

More and warmer clothes; more and better food; civilised comforts and the 'phone call to the stores to deliver the goods *via* the tradesman's entrance—these are not abstracts; they are items and services from which we have long been separated.

Certainly, it does not take much effort to convince ourselves that we are morally right in demanding more and better; but is it economically expedient while millions, according to official pronouncements, are not getting enough? Christian principles, in the main, have not succeeded because it has now become more blessed to receive than to give.

Maybe cold economics will save the world where the teaching of Jesus, through man's selfishness, has failed. Lincoln said of his country that it could not live half slave, half free. The same is true of the world. We cannot have peace and high standards while millions live in poverty without enough to eat.

To save *ourselves*, therefore, it would seem that we must continue a while longer with our tightened belts.

As a sop to our conscience, maybe we can convert this economic necessity into something resembling a National halo. But let not this fancy dress delude us. Rather we should pray that God in His goodness will give mankind at last the strength to follow Jesus and in very truth learn to love one another.

NELLIE SHAW WILLIAMS.

## WORD FOR THE MONTH.

I look back on the past with thankfulness to God. My people and I have come through great trials and difficulties together. They are not over. . . .

Other anxieties may be in store, but I am persuaded that with God's help they may all be overcome, if we meet them with confidence, courage and unity. So I look forward to the future with faith and hope.—KING GEORGE V TO HIS VERY DEAR PEOPLE.

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