

## APPOINTMENTS.

## MATRON.

**Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield:** Miss Margaret Taylor, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained in Fever Nursing at the City Hospital, Edinburgh; in General Nursing at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh; and in Midwifery at the Simpson Memorial Pavilion, Edinburgh.

Miss Taylor has been Staff Nurse and Holiday Sister, Ward and Theatre Sister, Night Superintendent, Assistant Matron and Acting Matron in Charge of the Simpson Memorial Pavilion; and Superintendent of Midwives, County Hospital, Epsom, and St. Helier County Hospital, Carshalton.

**East Sussex County Mental Hospital, Hellingly, near Eastbourne:** Miss M. M. Sims, S.R.N., R.M.N., has been appointed Matron, Female Division. She was trained in General Nursing at the General Hospital, Birmingham, and in Mental Nursing at St. Matthew's Hospital, Burntwood, Staffs. Miss Sims has held the post of Senior Assistant Matron at the Central Hospital, near Warwick.

**Fulwood Infectious Diseases Hospital, Preston.**—Miss M. I. Harthorn, S.R.N., R.F.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Birkenhead Fever Hospital; and at the General Hospital, Birmingham, and has been Ward Sister at Monsall Hospital, Manchester; Sister Tutor and Theatre Sister at Ladywell Sanatorium, Salford; Night Sister, and Assistant Matron at Penmore Fever Hospital, Chesterfield, and Matron at Hawarden Isolation Hospital.

**Stratford-on-Avon General and Emergency Hospitals.**—Miss K. M. Hammond, S.R.N., R.S.C.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London; at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham; and at the Warneford Hospital, Leamington Spa. Miss Hammond has been Ward Sister at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, and Night Superintendent at the General Hospital, Southend-on-Sea, and holds a Housekeeping Certificate.

**Worlingham Park Hospital, Worlingham, Surrey.**—Miss Kathleen Brennan, S.R.N., S.C.M., R.M.P.A., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Bethnal Green Hospital, London; at the Antrim County Mental Hospital, Ulster; and at the National Maternity Hospital, Dublin. Miss Brennan has been Ward Sister at Coleshill Hall, Birmingham; Night Superintendent and Assistant Matron—Sister Tutor at the County Mental Hospital, Mickleover, Derby; Assistant Matron at the East Riding Mental Hospital, Beverley, Yorks.; and Second Assistant Matron—Deputy Matron at the Worlingham Park Hospital.

**Glenlmond Sanatorium, Cupar, Fife.**—Miss Mary D. Bisset, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Withington Hospital, Manchester, where she has held positions as Ward Sister, Night Superintendent and Home Sister.

## NURSING SISTER IN NIGERIA.

Miss J. I. Close has been appointed to the Colonial Service as a Nursing Sister in Nigeria.

Miss Close is a State Registered Nurse and Certified Midwife, and holds the Certificate of the Queen's Institute of District Nurses.

She trained at Sunderland Municipal Hospital; Leeds Maternity Hospital; Queen's District Nursing Association at Scunthorpe and at Sheffield.

She has recently been a Queen's Nursing Sister at Page Bank, Brancepeth, Whitworth and District Queen's Nursing Association, Co. Durham.

## FEAR.

Fear plays a large part in spoiling the lives of many people and in many cases could be avoided; which reminds me of the old man who, when he was dying, said to his servant, "I have had a long life full of trials." His man replied, "Yes sir, but most of them never happened."

A friend of mine died last year and all the 50 years I had known her she was afraid. When I first knew her she lived in fear of losing her post, a very good one that she might have enjoyed, but she worried herself ill and had to go home. It was always the same every post she held. She was always sure they were only waiting for a good excuse to get rid of her. Rather late in life she married, she had a lovely home and plenty of money, she was always beautifully dressed and was adored by her husband. Surely she could be happy now. No. He was older than she, he would die before she did and she would be left alone in the world; and she kept it up to the end. She could have had such a good time, and helped others too.

A little girl I know had to go to hospital for some weeks. When she came home I said, "Well, hospital was not so bad after all, was it?"

"No, it was not bad and sometimes it was very good. If I had only known I need not have cried so much when I went."

I hope she will remember that in years to come.

A small boy I know finished his first term at school last December—real school, not kindergarten—and came home with his first report.

"Look Mummy, here is my report, it is sure to be good, I did get a star three times."

"No, David, it is not good and it finishes with 'Lazy and inattentive'."

"Oh, Mummy, it can't say that, I did get three stars."

"Three stars in one term! That is not worth talking about—if you had three stars every day."

"Oh, Mummy! No one could do that. Doesn't it say anything about my three stars?"

A little later big brother John came in.

"Hello, David, what are you looking so sick about?"

"My report, I don't think it's fair, you read it."

"Phew! Well, I had some rotten reports, but I was never called 'lazy, inattentive'! They said I was dim witted, but never inattentive."

Poor David was by this time a limp bit of misery. Still there was Peter, he might not think it so bad. But when Peter saw the report he said, "I would not be in your shoes David when Father sees this."

David went to bed early that night without being told and kept out of his Father's way for as long as possible, but by the end of the third day they met.

"Oh, David, I want to talk to you."

"Yes, Father."

"About your school report."

"Yes, Father."

"My first school report said exactly the same as yours."

M.H.

## L.C.C. HOSPITAL APPEAL ALLOWED.

The Minister of Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, has allowed the appeal by the London County Council against the decision of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales to withdraw recognition of St. Leonard's Hospital, Shoreditch, as a nurse Training School.

The Minister's decision has been notified to the London County Council and the General Nursing Council.

The appeal was heard last November by Mr. V. Zachary Cope, F.R.C.S., and Miss M. F. Dykes, S.R.N., S.R.F.N., S.C.M., who were appointed for this purpose by the Minister.

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