Sister Tutor and Junior Administrative Sister at City Sanatorium, Birmingham; Senior Sister Tutor at Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester; Supervising Tutor at the Sheffield School of Nursing; and Director of Nurse Training, City of Plymouth.

BOOTH HALL HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, MANCHESTER.—Miss F. Wignall, S.R.N., R.F.N., has been appointed Second Assistant Matron. She was trained at Townleys Hospital, Bolton; Ladywell Sanatorium, Salford; and Birch Hill Hospital, Rochdale, Lancs. Miss Wignall has held the posts of Staff Nurse, Ward Sister, Night Sister, Home Sister and Third Assistant Matron at the Booth Hall Hospital.

SENIOR SISTER TUTOR.

YORK COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Miss Mary Scaife, S.R.N., has been appointed Senior Sister Tutor. She was trained in General Nursing at the General Hospital, Harrogate, where she was later Staff Nurse; and in Midwifery at Elsie Inglis Memorial Hospital, Edinburgh. Miss Scaife has been Staff Midwife at the Elsie Inglis Hospital; Staff Midwife at Carlton Lodge Maternity Home, Harrogate; Sister, Private Clinic, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary; and Sister Tutor at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. She took the Sister Tutor Course of the Edinburgh University.

SENIOR HOME SISTER.

PARK HOSPITAL, DAVYHULME, NEAR MANCHESTER.—Miss Flora Lomax, S.R.N., has been appointed Senior Home Sister. She was trained at the Withington Hospital West Didsbury, Manchester, where she was later Junior Theatre Sister. Miss Lomax has also been Departmental Theatre Sister at the Park Hospital Davyhulme, and Assistant Matron at Elswick Sanatorium, Kirkham, Lancs. She holds Part I Certificate of the Central Midwives Board, and a Housekeeping Certificate.

NURSING SISTER.

MISS M. W. ANDERSON, S.R.N., R.S.C.N., S.C.M., has been appointed to the Colonial Service as a Nursing Sister in Northern Rhodesia. She trained at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh; University College Hospital, London; and the County Maternity Hospital, Bellshill, Lanarkshire. From 1942 to 1946, Miss Anderson served as a Nursing Sister in the Royal Air Force Nursing Service.

Miss M. P. Scott, R.G.N., has been appointed to the Colonial Service as a Nursing Sister in Northern Rhodesia. Trained at the Royal Alexandra Infirmary, Paisley, and the Royal Infirmary, Stirling, she has held nursing appointments at the Royal Alexandra Infirmary, Paisley; Vert Memorial Hospital, Haddington, East Lothian, and in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Miss Lucy Barlass, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed to the Colonial Service as a Nursing Sister in Uganda. Trained at Maudsley Hospital, London; North Middlesex Hospital, London; and Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London. Miss Barlass has recently been employed as a Night Sister at North Middlesex Hospital.

Miss B. A. Wahltuch, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed to the Colonial Service as a Nursing Sister in Kenya. Trained at the London Hospital and Barrett Maternity Home, Northampton, she was for a time in private nursing and then served as a Sister in Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, from 1942 to 1947. Recently, she has been employed at the London Hospital.

MISS C. L. SWINNERTON, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed to the Colonial Service as a Nursing Sister in Kenya; qualified as an orthopædic nurse, she was trained at the Royal Cripples' Hospital, Birmingham, and the London Hospital. She has held appointments in Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service Reserve and at the London Hospital.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A MOORFIELDS NURSE.

By STUDENT NURSE PATRICIA MARY TURNER.

It is 6 a.m. and the clinking of tea cups in the dining room of the Nurses' Home at Highgate marks the opening of a new day for the Moorfields nurse. Then follows the journey by coach to the hospital which is both interesting and invigorating. Breakfast is ready for us as soon as we arrive.

As we report on duty in the wards, the realisation that there is a great deal of work to be done soon has everybody settled down to their appointed jobs. The cleaning, consists of polishing and dusting by the time Sister comes on duty in preparation for her round. With the replacement of patients' flowers—which never seem to be out of season in hospitals—the wards are bright and clean, ready for the dressing round and the doctor's visit.

At 9.30 to 10.30 there is lunch both for nurses and patients.

On a Wing end—where I work at the moment—the eye cases are varied. One ward consists of retinal detachments, but casualties in the other wards involve a certain amount of general treatment, e.g., Intramuscular penicillin injections, irrigations and inhalations. Some of the more elderly patients may even have poultice treatment providing experience tor the untrained nurse. As a second year nurse the morning may include removal of sutures, carbolising, subconjunctival injections, or at least, holding the light whilst watching the more experienced nurse at work, which is all to our own benefit.

Apart from this very interesting part of the ophthalmic nursing, the morning includes blanket baths, discharges and the admission of hesitant new patients. With the visits of the various Honorary Surgeons and the return and watching of operation cases, the morning soon ends and one finds oneself feeding a hungry patient—and feeling rather hungry too.

Soon, however, it is dinner time; and on return to the ward, the tidying of beds, and the preparation and serving of tea quickly brings around the time for bedmaking. The bed patients are most interested in this procedure for they are made more comfortable, and may even be allowed up for a few minutes.

The evening again brings a treatment round, temperatures and medicines. To be allowed to do the dressing round provides a great opportunity for the observation of the various diseases of the eye.

As the evening draws to a close, and the patients and nurses have had their suppers, the ward is given a last tidy in readiness for the night nurses. There is a calm feeling around the ward and one has a feeling of satisfaction at having helped another human being. Great is the reward of two small words of appreciation—Thank-you Nurse!

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON MENTAL HEALTH.

The International Congress on Mental Health to take place in the Central Hall, Westminster, is to be held from August 11th to 21st, 1948, and not August 11th to 12th as previously announced in these columns.

We are asked to emphasise that those wishing to attend this Congress, who have not forwarded their final application forms, should do so immediately. previous page next page