

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

ROYAL HOSPITAL, CHELSEA, LONDON, S.W.—Miss Alma Hardy, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Burnley, Carlisle and Newcastle-on-Tyne, and has been Sister-in-Charge of the children's block at a Norwich hospital; Assistant Sister-Tutor at the L.C.C. Hospital, Carshalton; and Sister, St. Mary Abbots Hospital, London. Miss Hardy served in the Territorial Army Nursing Service from 1939-1945.

KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL, CANTERBURY.—Miss M. Sheehan, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Free Hospital, London, where she was later Sister-Tutor to the Preliminary Training School, Relief Night Sister, Housekeeping and Home Sister. Since November, 1946, Miss Sheehan has been Assistant Matron at Charing Cross Hospital, London.

DISTRICT INFIRMARY, ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—Miss Helen M. Graveney, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Free Hospital, London, where she was later Sister and Night Sister. Miss Graveney has also been Sister at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital, and Assistant Matron at Darlington Hospital.

STAFFORDSHIRE MENTAL HOSPITAL, CHEDDLETON, NEAR LEEK.—Miss Annie Pirie, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham, and at the Mental Hospital, Inverness, and has held the post of Deputy Matron at the Staffordshire Mental Hospital.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

THE RETREAT, MENTAL HOSPITAL, YORK.—Mrs. Doris H. Stamp (née Darley), S.R.N., R.M.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She received her General and Midwifery training at St. James' Hospital, Leeds, where she was later Staff Nurse, and her Mental training at The Retreat, York, where she has previously held posts as Staff Nurse and Ward Sister.

BRACEBRIDGE HEATH HOSPITAL, NEAR LINCOLN.—Miss Ethel Walker has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Wakefield Mental Hospital, and has held posts as Staff Nurse and Ward Sister.

We continue to hear of nurses taking appointments abroad, where, we are sure, they will uphold the traditions of their training schools.

NURSING SISTER.

Gold Coast.

Miss M. L. Kennedy, S.R.N., S.C.M., trained at St. Peter's Hospital, Whitechapel, and at Central Middlesex Hospital, where she continued her work; also served with Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

Miss N. F. Amanson, S.R.N., S.C.M., trained at Edinburgh Hospital for Women and Children, and at Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow, holds the certificate for gas and air analgesia, has nursed at King's College Hospital, London.

Kenya.

Miss Mary Hunt, S.R.N., S.C.M., trained at St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, where she held nursing appointments, and at the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin; she has also served with Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

Miss J. B. Christie, S.R.N., R.M.N., S.C.M., trained at Fife District Mental Hospital, and at Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow, has been District Midwife in the Public Health Department, Glasgow.

Miss M. T. Grady, S.R.N., S.C.M., trained at Victoria Hospital, Lewes, Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings,

West Middlesex County Hospital, Isleworth, and Middlesex Maternity Hospital, Bushey; she has held appointments at St. John's Hospital, Lewisham; Royal East Sussex Hospital; and served in Kenya, Ceylon, India and Burma with Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

Malaya.

Miss M. T. Renilson, S.R.N., S.C.M., trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, Leicester Royal Infirmary Maternity Hospital, and the City Maternity Home, Lincoln; she has held appointments at Leeds General Infirmary, Clayton Hospital, Wakefield, South London Hospital for Women, Royal Waterloo Hospital, and with Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

Miss M. C. Davis, S.R.N., S.C.M., trained at Guy's Hospital, London, she held appointments at Guy's Hospital, University College Hospital, and was Queen's Nurse at Reading.

Miss M. M. Partington, S.R.N., S.C.M., trained at Glasgow Royal Infirmary, the Maternity Section, Ayrshire Central Hospital, and Maternity Section, Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow; she has qualified in the administration of gas and air analgesia, and has been Staff Midwife at Ayrshire Central Hospital.

Miss Catherine Farrell, S.R.N., S.C.M., trained at North Lonsdale Hospital, Barrow-in-Furness, the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Roman Road, London, West Middlesex County Hospital, Isleworth, and Durham County Council; has held appointments at the Royal Eye Hospital, Manchester; Edenfield Maternity Home, Doncaster; Monkwearmouth and Southwick Hospital, Sunderland; and with Durham County Council. Miss Farrell has served in India with Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

Miss F. E. Spittal, S.R.N., S.C.M., trained at Kirkcaldy General Hospital, Fife, and the Royal Simpson Memorial Hospital, Edinburgh; she was appointed Staff Nurse at Queen Mary Nursing Home, Edinburgh, and served with Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in West Africa and India.

Miss Hilda Critchley, S.R.N., S.C.M., trained at the Royal Northern Infirmary, Inverness, and the Maternity Unit, Robroyston Hospital, Glasgow; she qualified in gas and air analgesia, and was a Queen's Nurse in Lanarkshire.

THE NURSE'S IDEAL SHOE.

A HOSPITAL PROTEST AND RECOMMENDATION.

(From a Correspondent.)

South African nurses are expressing their gratitude to the Physiotherapy Department of the Frere Hospital, at East London, S.A., for its energetic protest against what it has termed the unsuitable shoes supplied to that hospital's nursing staff. In a report to the Medical Superintendent, the Department declared that much of the foot trouble suffered by the nurses might be avoided were they supplied with a better designed shoe. The defects specified were: insufficient support under the instep; heel too high; a too-rounded inner border of the shoe.

The characteristics which the nurse's ideal shoe should have, according to the Physiotherapy Department, are: adequate support for the instep; a broad, low heel; good quality leather, capable of maintaining the shape of the shoe, and a close fit round the ankle.

The Hospital Board has taken the matter up with the authorities concerned. Meanwhile, I gather, virtually every hospital staff in the Dominion is examining its shoe situation, with a view to getting the right footwear, should there be dissatisfaction with what has hitherto been available.

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