

Birmingham Maternity Hospital, and with the Maternity Nursing Association, London, and has nursed at Weymouth and District Hospital; Epsom County Hospital; Leicester Royal Infirmary; and St. Albans.

Miss E. E. Miles, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed a Nursing Sister; trained at East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital; Liverpool Maternity Hospital; Nightingale Nursing Home, Derby, and Gilsland Maternity Home, Cumberland, she has held appointments at Liverpool Maternity Hospital; Sunnyside Nursing Home, West Kirby; and Whitehaven Hospital, Cumberland.

#### Zanzibar.

Miss M. S. Murdoch, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed a Nursing Sister; trained at the Royal Free Hospital, London, and the Royal Infirmary, Dundee, she holds the Gas and Air Analgesia Certificate, and has been a Staff Nurse at the Royal Free Hospital and a Sister at Stracathro Hospital, Brechin, Angus.

Miss Isabel Smalls, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed a Nursing Sister; she holds the Gas and Air Analgesia Certificate, and was trained at Hartlepool's Hospital; Dundee Royal Infirmary; and Stracathro Hospital, Brechin, Angus.

#### Sarawak.

Miss A. W. Jones, S.R.N., R.S.C.N., has been appointed a Nursing Sister; trained at the Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester; Sorrento Maternity Home, Moseley, Birmingham, and the General Hospital, Northampton, she has held appointments at Canwell Hall, Sutton Coldfield; District Hospital, Hinckley, Leicestershire; Northampton General Hospital, and the Guest Hospital, Dudley, Worcestershire.

#### St. Helena.

Miss O. L. Peerless, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed a Health Sister in St. Helena; trained at Princess Alice Hospital, Eastbourne; the Salvation Army Mothers' Hospital, London; and the National Health Society, London, Miss Peerless has held appointments at Margate General Hospital, Bradford City Sanatorium, Papworth Village Settlement, in military nursing, and, as a Health Visitor, with Surrey County Council.

Miss E. R. Salmond, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Senior Nursing Sister at the Civil Hospital, St. Helena; trained at Glasgow Royal Infirmary and the Rankin Memorial Hospital, Greenock, she was recently a Sister at Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

#### Trinidad.

Miss A. V. McDonnell, S.R.N., has been appointed a Senior Nursing Sister (Radiographer) in the Health Department, Trinidad. A member of the Society of Radiographers, she trained at Red House Nursery, Leeds; York County Hospital, and Manchester Royal Infirmary; and has held appointments as Sister-in-Charge of the X-ray Departments of York County Hospital, Fleetwood General Hospital, Leigh Infirmary, and of the Outpatients and Casualty Department of Jersey General Hospital.

### A MATRON'S SACRIFICE.

#### From a Correspondent.

Sister K. van Rhyn, formerly a popular personality of the South African city of Bloemfontein, where she worked in a nursing home, and latterly matron of the Botsabelo Leper Settlement in Basutoland, was fatally stricken by a stroke, following her gallant efforts to stop the spread of a fire in a ward.

"She was a wonderful woman," said Dr. R. Nixon, the medical superintendent. "She sacrificed her life for her patients. She was one of the finest women with whom it has been my privilege to work."

## IRISH NURSING NEWS.

### Nun to be Hospital Matron.

At a recent meeting of the South Cork Board of Public Assistance it was decided that a nun be appointed Matron of the projected £1,000,000 regional hospital at Wilton.

Since the initiation of inoculation against diphtheria, in County Cork, over 60,000 children have been immunised.

Monkstown Park House, Dun Laoghaire (formerly Kingstown) is to be converted into a sanatorium for children.

The Incorporated Orthopaedic Hospital of Ireland at Clontarf, has had an "elementary school" for its young patients since 1911. The "school" is a ward, lessons take place each afternoon (week-ends excepted), the teachers are appointed exclusively for the hospital. The instruction is similar to that of a national school, and there are 58 boys and 33 girls on the school roll whose ages range from 4 to 14 years.

### Treatment for Leprosy.

It was revealed at a fairly recent meeting of the Mission to Lepers, held in Dublin, that a great measure of success in the treatment of that disease in the African and Indian Mission Fields, has resulted from the use of hydnocarpus or (chaulmoogra) oil.

Dr. Robert Cochrane at Vellore and certain other Medical Officers are, however, experimenting with the new drugs Diasone and Promin, which it is hoped will achieve even better results.

It is gratifying to report that 54 children at Kumi and 59 adults at Ongino were recently discharged symptom-free and all minus deformity.

## NURSES' SALARIES IN NEW ZEALAND.

### From a Correspondent.

A general raising of salaries in New Zealand by £25 a year for a nurse living out, and £15, should she be living in, has been effected by the new scales of pay for those in Hospital Board employ, announced by Miss Mabel Howard, the Dominion's Minister of Health. Boards are authorised, however, to pay the new scales as from October 1st, last. Provision has been made for additional pay in cases where hours of duty generally exceed 40 a week. Boards are authorised to make overtime payments up to 10 per cent. of the basic salary, should salary with overtime not exceed £265 a year.

Shortly after the announcement, the Taranaki Board decided to urge double pay for nurses' Sunday work, to place nurses on a comparable basis with other Sunday workers. Hospital porters and maids get double pay for their Sunday work, even if Sunday was included in the 40 hour week. Not only nurses but doctors, it is stressed, should receive similar treatment. . . .

The Minister of Health, herself, attended the New Plymouth Hospital latest nurses' graduation ceremony, in which 13 of the 15 won honours in the State Final Nursing Examination. Double and triple honours were gained by some.

Several State medals were presented by the Minister, Miss Howard, who declared: "You have a happy atmosphere in this hospital, and wherever there is such an atmosphere, the main reason is to be found in the matron."

### SCHOOLS FOR POLISH RED CROSS NURSES.

The school at Wroclaw, in the former Maltese Hospital, was opened in May, 1947, and has 126 resident students.

At present, a new school is being constructed at Szczecin. It will consist of two buildings, with accommodation for 200 boarders, lecture halls and demonstration theatres. It was hoped to open it on June 1st, 1948.

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