

Appointments.

MATRON.

MISS MARIAN MEASURES has been appointed Matron of the Hospital, Gravesend. Miss Measures was trained for three years and certificated at Guy's Hospital, and has held the positions of Ward Sister at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Night Superintendent and Ward Sister at the Children's Hospital, Pendlebury, Manchester, and Assistant Matron and Home Sister at the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich.

NIGHT SISTER.

MISS ANNIE J. HOBBS has been appointed Night Sister at the Hospital for Women, Soho Square. Miss Hobbs was trained and certificated at the West London Hospital, and afterwards remained on the staff of that Institution as Staff Nurse, and Out-patient Nurse. Miss Hobbs has recently had charge of wards at the Home of Invalid Gentlewomen, 90, Harley Street.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

MISS MARGARET FOX has been appointed Superintendent of Nurses at the Tottenham Hospital. Miss Fox received her training, and afterwards acted as Ward Sister, at Guy's Hospital. She has also held the position of Ward Sister at the Sunderland Infirmary.

MISS A. M. SHARROCK has been appointed Superintendent Nurse of the sick wards at the Stepney Union Workhouse. She was trained at the New Infirmary, Birmingham, where she afterwards held the position of Ward Sister. She has also been Night Superintendent at the Hahnemann Hospital, Liverpool, first Assistant Matron and Superintendent at Crumpsall Infirmary, Manchester, and Superintendent Nurse at Romford Union Infirmary.

MISS HELEN G. SPALDING has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Workhouse of the Exeter Union. She was trained at the Manchester Workhouse Infirmary, Crumpsall, and afterwards held the position of Superintendent Nurse at Holborn Workhouse Infirmary, Mitcham, Surrey. Miss Spalding is at present Superintendent Nurse at the Heckingham Workhouse of the Loddon and Clavering Union.

CHARGE NURSE.

MISS JANET DUNDAS has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Isolation Hospital, Grove Hill, Swindon. Miss Dundas was trained at the Belvedere Hospital, Glasgow, and has held the position of Head Nurse at the Ophthalmic Institution in that city, and Charge Nurse of the Public Health Hospital, Leith.

Nursing Echoes.

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THE Hon. Sydney Holland always clothes his ideas on nursing matters in pertinent and forcible language, and the present time is no exception to the general rule. Mr. Holland thinks—and we agree with him—that the special committee appointed by the Prince of Wales' Fund to visit hospitals should make some enquiries concerning nursing matters. He says: "No questions were asked either *viva voce* or on the forms as to the training of nurses, or as to their hours on duty, their sleeping accommodation, or their food. In fact, nursing seemed to be forgotten, and I earnestly hope that this omission may be rectified at the next visit.

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 "I BELIEVE that no better work could be done by this Fund than to help the committees of hospitals to give their nurses proper sleeping accommodation (by which I mean a separate bed-room for each nurse) and proper hours of duty and rest. I often wonder whether subscribers realize the hours nurses work in our hospitals. I know if one writes anything about nurses one is accused of fussing about them. Nurses of former days are held up as examples of what they used to have to put up with compared to what is asked of them now, and one is told that nurses are quite happy and contented, and some add are only women, and a woman ought to be very glad to get any employment at all! Nurses as a whole are happy and contented, but that is no reason why we should run hospitals at their expense, nor why hospital managers should take advantage of their devotion to their profession. Is it fussing, or is it asking anything very extravagant for young women of 25 years of age that they should not be asked to work actually in the wards with patients for more than 11 hours out of the 24? Is it outrageous to ask of every committee that, in addition to the usual three half-hours allowed for meals, they should grant their nurses two hours off duty every day in daylight for rest and recreation, that on one day out of the seven they should have a half holiday, and on one day a month a whole holiday, or the equivalent of these hours? Granted these hours, this would still leave the 11 hours actually

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