

Appointments.

MATRON.

Miss Beatrice A. Cookes has been appointed Matron of St. Mary's Children's Hospital, Plaistow. Miss Cookes was trained at the Leeds Infirmary, and has held the positions of Sister at the Children's Hospital, Pendlebury, Night Superintendent at the Metropolitan Hospital, and Assistant Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Preston. This is a very thorough experience, and well qualifies Miss Cookes to hold her new office.

Miss Winifred Plum has been appointed Matron of the Victoria Hospital, Folkestone. She received her training at University College Hospital, London, and has held the position of Ward Sister at Crumpsall Infirmary, Manchester.

Miss Janet Cooke has been appointed Matron of the Mexborough Montagu Cottage Hospital. She received her training at the Guest Hospital, Dudley, and the General Hospital, Nottingham. Her other appointments have been Sister at St. Saviour's Infirmary, Dulwich, and at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, Night Superintendent at the Stanley Hospital, Liverpool, and Assistant Matron at the Hospital and Convalescent home, Ilkley.

Miss S. Read has been appointed Matron of the Fleming Cottage Hospital, Aberlour, N.B. Miss Read was trained at the Royal Infirmary, and at the Belvidere Fever Hospital, Glasgow, and afterwards held the appointment of Superintendent of the medical house for a period of four years. From the Glasgow Infirmary Miss Read went to the Devonshire Hospital, Buxton, where, after four years' work, she was appointed Matron of the Salford Union Infirmary, near Manchester. From 1888 to 1891 she held the position of Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Dumfries.

Miss Rose Emily Merritt has been appointed Matron of the Infirmary, Wrexham. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, London, and has held the positions of Assistant Matron at St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, and of Matron at the Falmouth Hospital and Dispensary. There was a keen competition for the post, as there were no less than 83 applicants.

Miss Lucy Jacobs has been appointed Matron of the Hospital Samaritano, Sao Paulo, Brazil. She was trained at King's College Hospital, and for three years has been a member of the nursing staff of the hospital of which she has now been appointed Matron.

We regret that by a printer's error the name of Miss Elizabeth S. Tate, the new Matron of the Ulster Hospital for Children and Women, Belfast, should have been incorrectly spelt in our last issue.

Baltimore's Work in Tuberculosis.*

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During the past few years large numbers of tuberculous persons have applied for treatment to the dispensary of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, whose admission to the wards was obviously unwise, and who, after a single visit, never returned, and so were lost sight of. To any thinking person those people, poor, ill, and ignorant as they usually are, are objects not only of pity but of very lively interest, as being the breeders and conveyers of our commonest fatal infection, and the centre, each one, of a veritable circle of danger in his own household and neighbourhood—often, indeed, by reason of the necessity of still carrying on their occupation, in spite of illness, to people far outside his immediate vicinity.

To Dr. Osler, the medical chief of the hospital, the necessity for putting some limit to this danger seemed imperative, and in 1900 he appointed from the third-year class of the Medical School a student whose duty it was to follow and visit in their homes all consumptives who came to the dispensary. Saturday afternoons, Sundays, and holidays were practically all the time she could give to the work, but the results of her months of effort are most satisfactory. Trouble has often been met in finding patients, many of them giving false addresses, the Russians and Hebrews being usually suspicious of interference and averse to instruction; but she has succeeded in visiting one hundred and ninety patients in their homes, seeing them at their daily work, observing their habits and surroundings, and in each case instructing the invalids and their families in the essentials of disinfection and the means of limiting the spread of the disease.

She has found the consumptives in meat-shops and small dairies, in bakeries and cracker stores, where with every touch of their soiled hands they were certainly sending out tubercle bacilli on their wares. In their homes she found them sewing, weaving, cooking for sale, cobbling, etc., and leaving their sputum often upon the articles for sale, always about the room and on all surrounding objects. Bedridden invalids she found lying on couches in the family living-room or by the kitchen fire in the midst of conditions which ranged from ordinary carelessness to indescribable filth. Often her patients moved from place to place, leaving the infected homes to be occupied, uncleansed, by newcomers—the one hundred and ninety persons visited did actually, while under observation, occupy two hundred and thirty-four houses, undoubtedly leaving each one a hot-bed of disease.

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