

Appointments.

MATRON.

Miss Jessie Brown has been appointed Matron of the Liverpool Lying-in Hospital. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and at the Clapham Maternity Hospital, and holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society. She has held the position of District Nurse at Dalbeattie; Assistant Matron at the Concentration Camp, Springfontein, Orange River Colony, Matron of the Battersea District Branch of the Clapham Maternity Hospital, and Private Visiting Nurse at Tangier, Morocco.

NURSE-MATRON.

Miss Dora Miller has been appointed Nurse-Matron of the Westminster Cottage Hospital, Shaftesbury. She was trained at the Victoria Hospital, Folkestone, and has held the positions of Staff Nurse at the General Hospital, Newark, and Charge Nurse at the Royal Weymouth Hospital.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Miss Muriel Ray has been appointed Assistant Matron at the Alexandra Hospital, Queen Square, Bloomsbury. She was trained at the Great Northern Central Hospital, London, and at St. Mark's Hospital, City Road, E.C., in which institution she has held the position of Sister.

SISTERS.

Miss Eileen O'Clery has been appointed Sister at the Richmond, Whitworth and Hardwicke Government Hospitals, Dublin. She was trained at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, where she was afterwards Sister-in-Charge of the children's ward, and of the gynaecological department.

Miss Bertha E. Hutchinson has been appointed Sister at the British Homes for Incurables, Streatham. She was trained at University College Hospital, and worked in South Africa during the war as a member of the Army Nursing Service Reserve. She has recently held the position of Night Superintendent at the Southwark Union Infirmary.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss Rachel Burkitt has been appointed Night Superintendent at the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin. She was trained at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, where she was afterwards Sister-in-Charge of the gynaecological department, and of the surgical wards, operating theatre, and casualty department.

NIGHT SISTERS.

Miss Lilian Arrowsmith has been appointed Night Sister at the Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary. She was trained at Ancoats Hospital, Manchester, in which institution she has held the position of Charge Nurse.

Miss Wylie has been appointed Night Sister at the Victoria Hospital, Folkestone. She was trained at King's College Hospital, London.

The Hygiene of the Home.

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II.—THE MODERN DWELLING CONSIDERED.

Before entering seriously upon our subject, it will not be out of place to pause a moment to consider Nature's intentions with respect to ourselves. Whichever theory we incline to, whether we consider man to be the outcome of a separate creation on the part of the Almighty, or whether we regard him as simply the survival of the fittest after countless æons of changes of species, none will deny that he is evidently intended for life upon this globe, and in view of the structure of his body, will probably not dispute that he is naturally a tropical creature. Were this latter conclusion not true, we should find ourselves furnished with more ample protection against the severity of the climate. Admitting the foregoing, we shall not go far wrong in assuming the average condition of the weather during our summer months to be that which we should strive to attain in our dwellings.

A temperature of about 70 deg. Fahr.; an ever-changing air, at times perhaps somewhat gusty, at others even rising to a gale, but nevertheless always on the move; an atmosphere containing about 65 per cent. of moisture (of this more anon), and a comparatively cool air with warm surroundings; such are the conditions that Nature provides for us during our summer. In what measure do we attain these ideals in our houses?

In studying this question, we must not be concerned with the houses of the rich, who are the exception; nor need we be occupied with the tenements of the very poor, for these doubtless could be easily kept in a more salubrious state; we must consider the home of the everyday Briton, the clerk or artisan, earning from £2 to £3 per week. These form the backbone of the nation, and their houses the average dwelling of the people in general. In our investigation we must also not consider this home under its best conditions—during a bright summer's day, for instance, when every window is open and the air heavy with the scent of flowers; but must study it at its worst—namely, during a cold winter evening. Then it is that the inclemency of the weather will cause the occupant to close every crevice, that the darkness will force him to light whatever means of illumination he has, and then it is that he will be occupying his dwelling under the worst conceivable circumstances.

Few can have passed along the streets of our larger English towns, especially of those given over chiefly to manufacture, without having been struck by the pallor of the inhabitants, especially when it is compared with the healthy ruddiness of those who live in our villages and hamlets, and who assuredly are no better fed. This is attributed, glibly enough,

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