

Appointments.

MATRON.

Rous Memorial Hospital, Newmarket.—Miss A. M. Tubby has been appointed Matron at the Rous Memorial Hospital, Newmarket. She was trained at the London Hospital and has held the position of Matron at the Cottage Hospital, Trowbridge.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Royal Infirmary, Preston.—Miss Frances E. Lorrimer has been appointed Assistant Matron at the Preston and County of Lancaster Queen Victoria Royal Infirmary. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Scarborough Hospital and Dispensary and of Ward Sister and Night Superintendent at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield.

SISTERS.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C.—Miss E. Elliot has been appointed Sister of Mark Ward at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C. Miss Elliot, who holds the certificate of the hospital, and was Gold Medallist of her year, has until recently held the position of Night Superintendent. She is a member of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.

View Day at Bart's.

View Day at St. Bartholomew's Hospital is a day on which all the friends of the hospital foregather. Early in the afternoon on Wednesday last the Treasurer and Almoners, Members of the Medical Staff, and the Matron paid a ceremonial visit to the wards, which were then on view to visitors, and well worth seeing they were, for there are surely no wards in any hospital where the home atmosphere is so perfectly combined with that of a first rate hospital. Sisters and nurses in the different wards had as usual vied with one another in the floral decorations. Hope Ward was all aglow with beautiful flowers in every shade from pale yellow to deep orange. Just one thing was wanted to reveal their full beauty, said Sister Hope (who was wearing her Royal Red Cross), a touch of the sun. President as usual was most tastefully decorated, great trails of smilax and beautiful sweet peas of every shade being prominent in the decoration scheme. A gate-legged oak table with a lovely basket of flowers stood in the centre of the ward for the use of the Treasurer with charming effect. Sister President should, indeed, know how to decorate with effect for View Day, for this is the twenty-seventh she has spent in the hospital.

Where all the wards were so lovely it is almost invidious to mention one, but we must own we should give the palm to Martha, where the decorations were mostly pink, with here and there great clusters of tall white lilies and with the greenest of green ferns hanging in the deep windows. But then Martha is an ideal ward, and one must go far to find one with a more beautiful theatre; its walls are of alabaster, and everything in it as spick and span and dainty as can be. Needless to say throughout the wards there was the most open-handed hospitality as to tea.

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We hear that the Colonial Nursing Association have in contemplation the appointment of an Inspector of Colonial Nurses. This is an admirable suggestion, and we hope will be carried into effect. It is rumoured that the appointment will be offered to Miss Sidney Browne, R.R.C., late Matron-in-Chief Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service. No one could possibly be better suited for the work, which would, we presume, necessitate periodical tours through the Crown Colonies to personally inspect the work of the Sisters doing national work in connection with the Association.

Princess Louise of Schleswig-Holstein paid a visit to the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, last Saturday afternoon, and made a tour of the various wards.

The Nursing Home question for the middle classes is being widely ventilated in the medical and general press. This will do good, as they are a most deserving class, if unfortunately glamour and emotion are not usually associated with their affairs.

At the present day, the *Practitioner* points out, illness is a costly affair, and only the wealthy can afford the luxury of modern surgery and hygiene which are given by the hospitals to the poor for nothing. For the great struggling middle-class, which has not the requisite accommodation at home, there is no provision. The want of adequate provision for the needs of sufferers who can afford to pay moderate fees is becoming a most serious problem. The *Practitioner* advocates the establishment of a number of pay hospitals scattered about the vast area of the metropolis and its suburbs, where patients can be ministered to by their own local doctors and higher surgical help called in as needed.

Mrs. Craigie and Mr. Sydney Holland have been discussing the condition of bodies after post mortem examinations at hospitals. Mrs.

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