

Railway Hospital Cars.

A GREAT many railway companies in the Eastern States of America are about to institute a similar Hospital service for their employes as has been for some years in vogue out West.

The system consists not only of Hospitals where the railway-servants are treated, but also of Hospital cars, which are scattered along the railroad at suitable centres.

In case of an accident, one of these cars is despatched at once to the scene, and the wounded are cared for properly and at once, the cars being so situated that one can be sent to any point on the railroad within two hours.

An operating-room in the car is fitted with a glass-topped table, and all the appliances for performing aseptic operations. There is a consultation-room and a larger apartment, fitted with cots and hammocks, in which the injured may be conveyed safely and comfortably to the railway Hospitals.

A supply of stretchers is kept in these Hospital cars on which the wounded may be removed from a wrecked train, and each car accommodates a dozen or more patients. These cars are so fitted up that they can be used either for patients to remain in during their illness, or as a comfortable and safe means of transport to the wounded.

The expenses of maintenance are secured by assessments of from one to two shillings a month on each employe, the amount depending on the salary received. The payment of this assessment insures the best of treatment in case of accident or sickness.

Appointment.

MISS ANNA B. BAILLIE has been appointed Matron of the Hospital of St. Cross at Rugby. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Gloucester, and at the London Hospital, and was promoted to be Sister of the Mellish male accident wards three and a half years ago, which contain nearly sixty beds. She leaves the Hospital to the great regret of her colleagues.

Exhibition Workers.

MISS MIRIAM RIDLEY.

MISS RIDLEY, who took such an active part in helping to organise the Nursing Exhibition, and who also won golden opinions from the visitors by the courteous and able manner in which she conducted them round, and explained the scientific value of the exhibits, is the popular Matron of the Hospital for

Epilepsy and Paralysis, 32, Portland Terrace, Regent's Park, where she has worked to the great benefit of the Institution and with pleasure to herself for upwards of six and a half years. Miss Ridley has introduced many reforms and improvements into the Hospital, and has transformed it into a real home both for Nurses and patients.

She commenced her Nursing life at the Borough Hospital, Birkenhead, and was afterwards engaged for some time in private nursing. She then went to St. Bartholomew's Hospital as staff Nurse, and while there was not only much appreciated for her professional skill, but was in addition exceedingly popular, her sweet face reflecting a beautiful character at once gentle, firm, and true.

Miss Ridley then joined the staff of the Private Nurses' Home connected with St. Bartholomew's Hos-



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pital, subsequently doing private nursing on her own account, chiefly taking cases for Professor Arthur Gamgee.

After holding the Matronship of the Sarah Nicol Cottage Hospital, Llandudno, Miss Ridley was in October, 1889, elected to fill her present position. There were forty-eight candidates for the post, and Miss Ridley gained the position by the Chairman of the Hospital—the late General Maclagan—giving his “casting vote” in her favour. The Hospital Committee has had every reason to congratulate themselves on the wisdom of that casting vote.

Miss Ridley was one of the very first members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and was elected in 1890 as a member of the General Council, and in 1892 was asked to take a seat on the Executive Committee, in which capacity she served with conscientious ability. She is a member of the Matrons' Council, and is also a member of the Committees of the Home of Rest for Nurses at Brighton and the Registered Nurses' Society.

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