

Appointments.**MATRON.**

MISS ELLA HUDSON has been appointed to the post of Matron of the Border Counties' Home for Incurables, Carlisle. She was trained in the Cumberland Infirmary, and subsequently was engaged for a year in private nursing, and for a year and seven months had entire charge of the nursing in Dr. Lediard's Private Surgical Home in Carlisle.

MISS EDITH PLEASE has been appointed Nurse-Matron of the Kingsbridge and District Cottage Hospital, South Devon. Miss Please was trained for three years at St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

MISS IRENE WEBB has been appointed Assistant Matron at the Fountain Fever Hospital, Lower Tooting. Miss Webb received her training at the London Hospital, and subsequently held the positions of Assistant Nurse at the Western Fever Hospital, Sister at St. Saviour's Infirmary, Dulwich, Head Nurse at the Royal Hospital, Putney, Charge Nurse at the Western Fever Hospital, and Night Superintendent at the Grove Fever Hospital.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

MISS MAUDE MARGARET HARWOOD has been appointed Night Superintendent at the Infirmary, Dulwich. She was trained at the Hants County Hospital, Winchester, and has held the position of Sister at the Eye and Ear Hospital, Southampton, and Sister at the East Dulwich Infirmary.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

MISS ANNIE EASTON has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Workhouse Infirmary, Walsall. Miss Easton was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and has held the position of Head Nurse at the Greenwich Union Infirmary, and is at present Night Superintendent at the Shoreditch Infirmary, Hoxton Street, N. Miss Easton holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society, so that she is well qualified for the position to which she is appointed.

CHARGE NURSE.

MISS LILY M. PARK has been appointed Charge Nurse at the General Infirmary, Dewsbury. She received her training at the Grimsby and District Hospital, and the District Infirmary, Ashton-under-Lyne. She subsequently worked as a private nurse in connection with the Eastbourne Nursing Institution, and has held the position of Night Superintendent at the General Infirmary, Hereford.

The Mental Nurse Question.**"HIS NURSES."**

The subject of "The Insane, the Asylum, and the Nurse," was recently discussed by Dr. Richard Greene in a lecture to the Royal British Nurses' Association. The Mental Nurse question is one which is engaging considerable attention at the present time, and the *NURSING RECORD* has had to run the gauntlet of animosity for the line it has adopted on this matter. We have not, however, formulated our views without giving considerable attention to the subject, and we are convinced that, within the next few decades, the lines which we have laid down as the lines on which asylum nursing should be organized, will be enforced in all the best asylums. A remark worthy of note was made by Dr. Greene in the course of his lecture, in which he says "the asylum Medical Superintendent who sent his nurses for a year's hospital training, would be in great danger of finding some of them spoilt for asylum work when he got them back."

HIS NURSES! This is the crux of the matter. So long as the nurses are regarded as the personal possessions of the Medical Superintendent, just so long will it be impossible for them to take a dignified professional position, and we must emphatically say that no greater mistake can be made than to put the personal control of a large body of women in the hands of a man—often a young man of under thirty years of age. If he is possessed of high principle and devotion to duty, the standard of conduct in the staff will be proportionately high, though even the best of men often signally fail where the discipline of women is concerned. If the Medical Superintendent, on the other hand, is indifferent to the necessity of maintaining a high standard of discipline, the *morale* of the institution is correspondingly low. But the control of asylum nurses will never be really satisfactory until a Superintendent of Nursing is invested with the power necessary to maintain authority, and we have never yet talked with an Asylum Matron, who was also a trained nurse, who did not deplore her lack of power to maintain the necessary discipline in the staff of which she was nominally the head. If asylum nurses are to take the same position as their hospital sisters, this is a point which must be settled once and for all.

SPECIALISTS, NOT NURSES.

Another essential point is that women, or men, who are trained only in asylums, have no more right to be called trained nurses, or to practise in this capacity, than a Medical Superintendent

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