

Appointments.

MATRONS.

MISS JESSIE GERTRUDE POWELL has been appointed Matron and Superintendent of Nurses at Mercer's Hospital, Dublin. Miss Powell was trained at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, for three years. In addition to her hospital training, she had a year's experience in domestic management, including that of a laundry. She also had entire charge of the Auxiliary Hospital for Small-pox cases during 1895, since which time she has held the position of Superintendent of Nurses and Matron at the Hospital, Newcastle, Co. Wicklow. Miss Powell holds most excellent testimonials, and is well qualified for the important position to which she has been appointed.

MISS CLARE CROWTHER has been appointed Matron to the Hospital of St. Francis, London, S.E. Miss Crowther received her training at the London Homoeopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, and for the last two years has held the position of Matron of the Oriole Hospital, Laughton, Essex.

MISS S. M. JACOB has been appointed Matron of the Lowestoft Sanatorium. She received her training at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, where she also held the position of Surgical Sister. She has also been Staff Nurse at Darlington Hospital, Matron at the County Meath Infirmary, Assistant Matron at the Wolverhampton Fever Hospital, and Matron of the Kendal Sanatorium.

MISS R. MUNRO has been appointed Matron of the Roxburgh District Asylum, Melrose, not of the Inverness District Asylum, as stated in our last issue. Miss Munro has been in charge of the Men's Hospital at the Inverness District Asylum for the last year and a half, and was previously Sister at the Portsmouth Royal Hospital.

ASSISTANT MATRONS.

MISS FRANCES MINTER has been appointed Assistant Matron at the Bethnal Green Infirmary. Miss Minter was trained at the London Hospital, and has held the following appointments: Staff Nurse at St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner; Superintendent Nurse at St. Alban's Infirmary; Assistant Matron and Temporary Matron at the Leeds Union Infirmary.

SISTERS.

MISS CLARISSA MARY CLARK has been appointed Ward Sister at the Fulham Infirmary. Miss Clark was trained at the St. Marylebone Infirmary, and for the last three years has been private nursing.

Army Nursing Notes.

"But what for the women of Britain?
Ah! they need our pity the most!
In their desolate homes they are waiting for news
Of the dear one who dies at his post.
For theirs is the weariest trial,
Long vigils of pain day and night;
Sick at heart and alone, they pray at God's Throne
For the men whom they love in the fight."

By MRS. ARTHUR HARTER.

—*The Women of Britain.*

Action is always easier than inaction, and at the present time, though our hearts are stirred with anxiety for the brave men who are fighting their country's battles, yet after all it is not our soldiers who most need our sympathy.

The stirring scenes in which they take part, and the knowledge that their country appreciates their heroism, and that if they fall in its service their names will always be remembered with honour, all tend to distract their thoughts from the sorrows of war and to stir them to valiant deeds.

But with those left behind it is otherwise, and it is to the wives and daughters, the mothers and sisters, of these brave men that our heartfelt sympathy goes out. Their portion is to wait in intense anxiety and anguish of mind; or, may be, the dreaded blow has fallen, the light of the home is quenched, little remains but bitter sorrow.

Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, with her usual kindness, sent each of the nurses nominated by her for duty in South Africa a soft pillow for use on board ship and in hospital. We doubt not that these gifts will be too greatly valued to be used, and will return to England with the Sisters, as souvenirs of their work in the War, and the honour done them by our future Queen.

Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, Princess Henry of Battenberg, and Princess Victoria of Schleswig Holstein, visited Netley Hospital last week. Their Royal Highnesses were received by Miss Norman, R.R.C., the Lady Superintendent, and members of the medical staff, by whom they were conducted round the wards.

Great preparations are being made at Netley Hospital for the reception of further wounded men from South Africa. The hospital itself, which is capable of accommodating about 1,000, is rapidly filling, and to meet requirements 50 huts, each to hold 25 cases, are in course of construction. Many of them, indeed, have already been

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