

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Leaf Homoeopathic Cottage Hospital, Eastbourne.—Miss Phyllis E. Tucker has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Infirmary and Children's Hospital, Kidderminster, and promoted to be Sister of Wards in the same Institution. She has also held the position of Sister of Wards and Theatre at the Royal Orthopaedic and Spinal Hospital, Birmingham, for 2½ years, during which time she acted as Matron for 9 months in the temporary absence of the Matron.

James Murray's Royal Asylum, Perth.—Miss C. B. Lumsden has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Dundee, and James Murray Asylum, Perth; has been Sister at the Hospital for Sick Children, Aberdeen, and Assistant Matron at the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, West House.

SISTER.

Royal Hospital Portsmouth.—Miss C. M. Usher has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Hull, where she was promoted to be Sister of Male Medical and Male Surgical Wards, also Night Superintendent.

CHARGE NURSE.

Stapleton Infirmary, Bristol.—Miss E. Myerson-Eastly has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at Bethnal Green Infirmary, London; and has been Staff Nurse in connection with the District Nursing Association, Stockton-on-Tees; Queen's Nurse at Westminster, Woolwich, and Penzance; and has experience in private nursing. Miss Myerson-Eastly is a Certified Midwife.

THE PASSING BELL.

Mr. Deputy Cornelius Barham, Chairman of the General Committee of the Royal Maternity Charity of London, died on September 28th, from bronchitis.

He had served on the General Committee since 1882, and had been Chairman since 1904. He was a good friend to the Charity and most sympathetic with the troubles of the poor women to whom the Charity is such a boon. Though a very busy business man, a large portion of his time, both before leaving home to come to business and also at his offices, was given up to enquiry into and relieving distress of all sorts. He was connected with many institutions and charities, but his sympathies went out most to the half-starving married women, who, with the patient bravery of their sex, were facing their trying and dangerous ordeal under such harrowing auspices, penniless, anxious and starving. Were there more like Mr. Barham there would be far less suffering in the world.

NURSING ECHOES.

The Queen is not a good sailor, and in consequence great care has been taken in arranging and fitting the *Medina*, which is to convey Their Majesties to India in November. At the forward end of the vessel, on the spar deck, are two suites of cabins exclusively for the use of the King and Queen. In the Queen's dressing-room attached to her bedroom a swing cot has been fixed for use in rough weather. There are also two rough-weather cabins midships, which have been specially fitted for the King and Queen, and here the moving of the vessel will not be felt so much as in their cabins forward should the weather be unsettled.

It is reported of the Queen that when she paid a visit to the temporary hospital arranged for sick children at the Crystal Palace, on the King's Fête Day, she enquired of the nurse what ailed the little invalids, and that when told it was mostly the result of swing boats and joy wheels, she exclaimed, "Just like me. I should have suffered just the same."

A new nurses' hostel has been opened at 11, Willow Road, Hampstead Heath, in connection with the Nurses' Union, Young Women's Christian Association. It is named "The Florence Nightingale Hostel," and is arranged as far as possible for family life. The Superintendent will supply information if a stamped envelope is sent. A matron says, "It will be a nice place for hospital nurses who have a night off and no friends to go to, to spend off-duty time, to get a breath of fresh air." Two references are required before admission, but a matron's recommendation should suffice.

Perhaps when we complain of the nursing in Rural Isolation Hospitals it would be well to glance back to things as they were half a century ago; at least, a correspondent in the *Newcastle Journal* makes one realise how far we have come in the time.

The writer was a curate in a certain country town in the south of Durham in 187—, when a serious outbreak of smallpox occurred. Most of the sufferers were poor persons, living in tenements in a very crowded part of the town. It was considered necessary that they should be isolated, and for this purpose they were removed to a lonely building in a large field. The structure was a disused cow-byre, one half of which had been boarded off for a stable.

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