

## APPOINTMENTS.

## MATRON

**The Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon.**—Miss Hilda Vine has been appointed Matron in the place of Miss Sharples, resigned. She was trained for three years at the East London Hospital for Children, and also for the same period at Guy's Hospital, where she obtained a first class certificate, and afterwards was appointed to the following positions:—Instructress in the Preliminary Training School, one year; Sister-in-Charge of the Women's and Children's Surgical Ward, four years; Hospital Housekeeper for one year. In 1910 she obtained the certificate of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses. A year later she was elected to the Council and appointed Examiner to this Society; eventually resigning these positions to take up war work. On the outbreak of war she was appointed, as a member of Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve, to H.M.S. *Asturias*, afterwards being transferred to the War Hospital, Reading, where she was Sister in a block including the Theatre.

**Cottage Hospital, Wells, Norfolk.**—Miss Ruth Jones has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Birmingham General Hospital, and has held the position of Home and Assistant Matron at the Infirmary for Children, Liverpool, and of Matron of the Erith Cottage Hospital, the Stamford and Rutland General Infirmary, and the General Hospital, Dudley.

**3rd Durham V.A.D. Hospital for Officers, 4, Gray Road, Sunderland.**—Miss Marie Vaughan Winters has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, and was Theatre Sister at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, and had experience of fever work at Groby Isolation Hospital, Leicester, and Sister of Gynaecological Wards, Theatre Sister and Assistant Matron at the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland.

**Odiham Cottage Hospital, Winchfield.**—Miss E. M. Martin, whose appointment as Matron of the Odiham Cottage Hospital we reported last week, was for a short time Staff Nurse, not Matron, at the Swanage Cottage Hospital. The Matron of that hospital is Miss Florence Samson.

## NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT,

**The County Hospital, York.**—Miss Elsie Hughes has been appointed Night Superintendent. She was trained at the General Hospital, Wolverhampton, where she subsequently held the position of Sister. She has also been Senior Sister at the Ear and Throat Hospital, Birmingham.

On December 27th, the marriage was solemnised at St. Augustine's Church, Haggerston, between Miss Katherine Mackay and John Whittaker, Esq., Barrister-at-Law. Miss Mackay was trained at the Royal Free Hospital, and since the completion of her training has devoted herself to work among the poor, as district and school nurse.

## NURSING ECHOES.

The Educational Section of the Y.M.C.A. has done wisely to secure the services of Miss Edla R. Wortabet as a war lecturer. In giving these lectures Miss Wortabet, who knows the East well, discusses her subject from a broad, international point of view, but deals mainly with the Turks, the Holy Land, and the Turkish Empire.

Miss Wortabet's main points are that the German aim is the dismemberment of the British Empire, and that the objectives for the accomplishment of this purpose were:—

*Calais* and the North of France through Belgium.

*The Suez Canal*—the gate to India, South Africa, and the Colonies.

*The Berlin-Constantinople-Baghdad railway* through rich lands to India.

The two latter German plans are the ones she lectures on. She shows why the Turks were chosen as allies. Turkey in Europe (the Balkans), Turkey in Asia, Armenia, Mesopotamia, Arabia, Syria, Palestine, Sinai, Egypt, and Northern Africa contain all the railways and routes, and the Suez Canal; to have allowed these to fall into the hands of the Germans would have led to the desired downfall of the British Empire.

Miss Wortabet says that while she considers the British race especially blessed in having delivered the Holy Land, and others well known to Bible students, from the cruel grip of the Turks and Germans, there was, at the same time, from a strategical and self-defensive aspect, no other way possible for it. The Suez Canal and the Asiatic railways and routes are the very lungs, the very life, of the Empire.

Her lectures are illustrated with unique slides. She touches on history, and on religious and modern conditions—in connection with a subject which has been dealt with by many lecturers—in a very unusual manner. The largest Y.M.C.A. Recreation Huts are always very full, and the smaller ones packed to overflowing, during her lectures, and afterwards a surprising number of questions are asked and many points discussed, as many men have come home wounded from those regions, and show the keenest interest and intelligence in subjects which in pre-war days it would have been impossible for them to understand.

One of the most astonishing questions was: "What position does the Mohammedan woman hold?"

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