

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Victoria Infirmary, Northwich.—Miss Elizabeth Killingbeck, A.R.R.C., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, and has held the positions of Theatre and Staff Nurse at the Women's Hospital, Soho Square; Sister at St. Mary's Hospital, Plaistow, and Assistant Matron, Oldham Infirmary, and has done military nursing in France two years.

Knowle Midland Counties Institution for the Feeble-minded, nr. Birmingham.—Miss K. L. Morrall has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Guy's Hospital and Mount Vernon Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Northwood. She has been Matron of Air Raid Home for Boys at Seaford, and has done private and military nursing.

Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital.—Miss L. E. Cushon, R.R.C. with bar, has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the London Hospital, and was Sister in Charge of Ophthalmic Department, and has been Assistant Matron at Lambeth Infirmary and Matron of the British Red Cross Society, Netley. Miss Cushon holds the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Balham, St. James' Infirmary.—Miss Laura Brown has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, and at The Hospital for Women, Soho Square. She has since been Naval Reserve Sister at Plymouth and Haslar, and Assistant Matron at the Royal Portsmouth Hospital.

CHARGE SISTER.

Romford Union Infirmary.—Miss Harriett M. T. Turnill and Miss Lily Lowe have been appointed Charge Sisters. The former was trained at Upper Edmonton Infirmary, and has been Sister at Newport, Plymouth and St. Albans Infirmarys, has done private nursing and been sister at the Auxiliary Military Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds.

Miss Lily Lowe was trained at the Whiston Infirmary, has done private nursing, and acted as Staff Nurse in a Military Hospital.

NIGHT SISTER.

General Infirmary, Harrogate.—Miss E. B. Thorpe has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the County Hospital, York, and has done Sisters' holiday duty.

Royal Hamadryad Seamen's Hospital, Cardiff Docks.—Miss Emmie Larkin has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the East London Hospital for Children, and has done temporary Sister's duties at St. Peter's Hospital, London, and been on the staff of the South Wales Nurses' Co-operation.

MATERNITY SISTER.

Erdington Infirmary, Birmingham.—Miss K. M. Tugman has been appointed Maternity Sister. She was trained at the General Hospital, Birmingham, and in midwifery at the Women's Hospital, Brighton. Miss Tugman has engaged on military nursing since 1914.

SISTER.

Plaistow Fever Hospital, E.—Miss Harriet McElwain, A.R.R.C., has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, and Ruchill Fever Hospital, Glasgow, and was Acting Sister at the Royal Infirmary, and Staff Nurse in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. for three years and five months.

BOOK OF THE WEEK.

"THE CITY OF PALMS."*

We have here a capital romance of Anglo-Eastern life. It teems with interest and shows how subtle Oriental revenge and cunning was outwitted by British courage and wit. Sir Denzil Wilkinson, connected with the Embassy and resident in Pera, had, before the death of his only son, been noted as one of the most genial as well as one of the most tactful of diplomatists. The boy's death, under tragic circumstances, had changed him into a saddened man. His wife, though she had adored her son, seemed to bear the blow with greater resignation than her husband, and had regained her outward serenity of manner. The lad's death was connected with disgrace which Sir Denzil had kept the knowledge of from his mother, preferring to bear a secret sorrow rather than his wife should realise the bitterness of the situation.

Briefly, young Colin had become entangled with a woman of doubtful character, and to meet her extravagant demands, had filched from his father's possession, a certain important political document, which he had sold to a Turk of influence, named Rissik. Luckily, the information had been too late to be of any use, but though Colin's death was commonly believed to be attributable to an accident, he had really taken his own life. His treachery was known only to his father and to Rissik.

Rissik, balked of his purpose, was not the man to forego any advantage that this secret might be worth to him. He had a somewhat original method of blackmail. He was a collector of curios and precious stones, and whenever he desired to add to his collection any specially seductive antique he used his possession of Colin's compromising letter as a threat to Sir Denzil, in order to extort money for its purchase.

There came, at the commencement of this story, to stay with Sir Denzil and his wife a certain pretty niece from her home in Devonshire. She had not been long in her fascinating surroundings before she became possessed of two things—her uncle's secret and the heart of his clever, good-looking, confidential secretary.

Naturally, being a charming girl, she was much disturbed at the position of affairs and set herself to think of a way out, and she and Lee Eliot, by clever stratagem, become possessed of the letter. Too late, however, to give much relief to Sir Denzil, who had already parted with the greater part of his money to the Turk, and who died just after Sylvia had whispered her successful venture into his ear.

The Turk reminded Sylvia in cold fury that, being an Oriental, "he knew how to wait."

"Miss Knocke, one word. We shall meet again! Oh! yes; I shall make it my business

*By Kathlyn Rhodes. (London: Hutchinson & Co.)

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