

sentence, and the prisoner must go to prison for six weeks without hard labour.

Much as we sympathise with the terrible distress of mind of an unmarried mother, we live in hope that in the future women will place their maternal duty before every other consideration in the world, and realise that to desert or injure or cause the death of their illegitimate children is a far greater crime than to beget them. Let the community learn this lesson also, especially where poor girls are concerned.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Nerve Hospital, Birmingham.—Mrs. Gladys M. E. Jones has been appointed Matron of the In-patient Department. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, S.E., and at the Royal Eye Hospital, and held various responsible appointments before going out to France to work with the French Red Cross. She also nursed interned British officers at Murren under the British Red Cross during the war.

Oakdale Workmen's Hospital, Blackwood (Mon.).—Miss Hilda Price has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Oldham, and has held the positions of Sister at the Wrexham Infirmary, Theatre Sister at Bury Infirmary, and at the Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield, Matron of the Ebbw Vale Workmen's Hospital, Swindon, and at the Cottage Hospital, Winchcombe. She has also had experience of military nursing.

Cottage Hospital, Bexley Heath.—Miss Beatrice Alcock, A.R.R.C., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital and has since been night superintendent at the Royal Hospital, Richmond, Surrey, sister at the Kendray Hospital, Barnsley, at the Royal Infirmary, Penzance, sister and deputy matron at Stroud General Hospital, and sister in-charge, Park Lodge Nursing Home, Brockley. Miss Alcock served with the T.F.N.S. during the war, and was acting matron of the Manoel Hospital, Malta.

Ruthin Hospital.—Miss Irene L. Jones has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Bootle Borough Hospital, where she was also Sister and Matron's Assistant. After holding other posts, she was successively Matron of the Leaf Hospital, Eastbourne, the Liverpool Skin Hospital, and the Cottage Hospital, Mold.

County Borough Maternity Hospital, Swansea.—Miss Elizabeth Crompton has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and has been Sister-in-Charge of the maternity block and labour ward of the Willesden Municipal Hospital.

Booth Hall Infirmary, Blackley, near Manchester.—Miss Ethel Ashton has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Crumpsall Infirmary and has been First Assistant Superintendent of Nurses at that Institution.

SUPERINTENDENT NIGHT NURSE.

Hackney Union Infirmary.—Miss Annie Robinson has been appointed Superintendent Night Nurse. She was trained at North Bierley Infirmary, where she was promoted to be Sister. She has also been Night Sister at the Municipal Maternity Hospital, Rochdale, and Charge Nurse (Sister) at Hackney Infirmary.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Barton-upon-Irwell Union.—Miss Ann Dolan has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at the West Derby Union Institution, and has held the position of Sister and Night Superintendent there.

Selby Union.—Miss Gertrude I. Whiffen has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She has had many years' experience, and recently worked at the Lord Derby War Hospital, Warrington.

LECTURES ON TUBERCULOSIS.

A course of Lectures on Tuberculosis (winter session), will be given at the Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Brompton, S.W. 3, on Tuesdays and Fridays, at 8 p.m., during February, March and April, commencing on February 17th. The lectures include a large variety of subjects, by well known experts, and the fee for the course is £1 1s. Single lectures, 2s. "The Home Nursing of Tuberculosis" will be dealt with by the Matron, Miss F. T. Redl.

BOOK OF THE WEEK.

"THE TIN SOLDIER."*

There is something fresh and spontaneous about this American tale—incidents connected with the war—which will be sure to make its appeal to lovers of light fiction. It has many points of originality and one must perforce be attracted to Miss Emily in her toy shop. At closing time it was a labour of love for her to put the dolls to bed, to lock the glass doors safely on puffy rabbits, woolly dogs, and round-eyed cats, to close the drawers on the tea-sets and Lilliputian kitchens, and to shut into boxes the tin soldiers. But she took the great white plush elephant home with her. There had always been a white elephant in Miss Emily's window. Painfully, she had seen her supply dwindle. For this last of his herd, she had a feeling far in excess of his value, such as a collector might have for a rare coin, or a bit of pottery of pre-historic period. He had been made in Germany.

She had not the heart to sell him. "I may never get another. And there are none made like him in America."

Pretty Jean was devoted to Miss Emily and was generally to be found with her in the shop though she lived with her father in a more fashionable quarter of the town. She was his only child, and he was a nerve specialist of repute.

Jean would have dearly loved that Miss Emily should find a place in her father's household, but Hilda Merritt had lived there for some years. She was a trained nurse, who, having begun life as the doctor's office-girl, had, gradually after his wife's death, assumed the management of his household. She was handsome in a red-cheeked, blonde fashion.

Hilda is really a cleverly-drawn character and

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