

## APPOINTMENTS.

## MATRON.

Royal Portsmouth Hospital, Portsmouth.—Miss Edith Keen has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Hospital, Birmingham, and has been Sister at the Victoria Hospital, Guernsey, and Sister, Out-patient Sister, Night Sister, Temporary Home Sister, and Temporary Assistant Matron at the General Hospital, Birmingham.

Victoria Hospital, Burnley.—Miss Margaret Alexander has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Hospital, Birmingham, and has been Assistant Matron in the same institution. She did four and a-half years War Service in France, and was three times mentioned in despatches. She was awarded the Royal Red Cross, Second Class, in June, 1916, was promoted to First Class in January, 1919, and was later awarded a bar to the Cross, while the French Government presented her with the *Medaille des Epidemies*.

Staffordshire General Infirmary, Stafford.—Miss M. G. Poole has been appointed Matron and Superintendent. She was trained at the Wolverhampton and South Staffordshire Hospital, where she subsequently held the position of Sister-in-Charge in various departments. She also took a course in housekeeping at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

West Suffolk General Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds.—Miss Margrave has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Swansea General and Eye Hospital, where she has held the position of Assistant Matron and Acting Matron.

## ASSISTANT MATRON.

Hackney Union Infirmary, Homerton, E. 9.—Miss Martha Kay has been appointed Second Assistant Matron. She was trained at Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool, where she held the positions of Ward Sister, Theatre Sister, and Home Sister. She is a Certified Midwife.

## SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Union Hospital, Dartford.—Mrs. Daisy Manley has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She has been Superintendent Nurse under the Wolstanton and Burslem Guardians, and at the Isle of Thanet Infirmary.

## ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Wakefield Union Infirmary.—Miss Olive Simpson has been appointed Assistant Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at the Union Infirmary, Tynemouth, and has been Health Visitor and Maternity Nurse under the West Hartlepool Corporation, Health Visitor and Laboratory Nurse at Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Sister in a Military Hospital.

## COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

County of Morayshire.—Miss Isabella C. E. Dewar has been appointed County Superintendent and Supervisor of Health Visitors. She was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and is a Queen's Nurse and a certified midwife.

## HEALTH VISITOR.

Dorset County Nursing Association, Dorchester.—Miss M. A. M. Fowler has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at the Camberwell Infirmary and worked as a Sister in France and Belgium, under the British Red Cross Society, and as a Staff Nurse, and Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve in England and France.

## BOOK OF THE WEEK.

## THE TRUMPET IN THE DUST.\*

One day in the life of a village charwoman would not appear at first sight to afford material for a closely-printed book of over two hundred pages, but those of our readers who remember "The Lonely Plough" and "Crump Folk Going Home" will not be astonished that a romance teeming with charm, humour and pathos has been woven out of it by Miss Constance Holme.

The story tells of a woman growing old with years and hard work, who is a candidate for one of surely the most desirable almshouses ever provided by a generous benefactor.

Mrs. Clapham was not the only candidate, but by far the most deserving, and her hours of hopes and fears on the day following the election while waiting the decision are graphically and poignantly described.

She woke up that morning with a heady sense of excitement, with the happy anticipation of something not yet quite within reach, thrilling her nerves as they had not been thrilled for years. She sank back happily in her bed. Had not the vicar's wife called the day before to say she would not be wanted to-morrow? "But, of course, next week as usual, please." She chuckled and chuckled and chuckled to herself to think that by next week things might be anything but "as usual."

Lately she had felt at times a spasm of real hatred for the houses she cleaned, which, no matter how often or how thoroughly she scrubbed them from roof to floor, were always waiting for her to come and scrub them again.

But to-day was different. She had never felt stronger or more fit for her day's work than on the morning of the day which was to see her bid that work farewell.

It was strange how full her mind was that morning of Tibbie and Tibbie's doings, her adored and only daughter, now a young widow with two children, living at some distance away.

It was also Miss Marigold's wedding day up at the vicarage. She was the same age, and would not be the sweet little bundle of youth Tibbie had looked on her wedding day.

Her mind reverted to the almshouses. "Grey gabled, flower-gardened, they topped the steep hill that ran out of the village, challenging by their perfection the notice of the passer-by. Moving up to that high place from the huddled and crouching street would be like soaring on strong wings into the open spaces of the sky."

Would she hear by telegram—or by letter—or would Mr. Baines himself come to tell her of the decision of the Committee? Her restlessness led her into the village street where sympathetic neighbours congregated to share her suspense. With masterly pen Miss Holme sketches the

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