

those who are drafted on to the infirmary staff receive a salary, commencing at £20, and rising to £25 per annum, with uniform and washing. If they conclude their first and second year of service satisfactorily, they receive, in addition, from the Committee of the Nightingale Fund a gratuity of £2 for the first, and the same amount for the second year of service, a letter of approval accompanying each gratuity.

A KIND correspondent sends me an interesting account of Miss Hughes' and Miss Munro's journey to their new field of work in Cairo. Landing at Gibraltar, Naples, and Port Said, and inspecting the English Hospital (Lady Strangford's) and the little Egyptian Hospital at the latter place, they went on to Ismailia, where they landed and travelled through to Cairo, arriving there on June 23rd and meeting with the greatest kindness from everyone. The Kaiser-el-Aini Hospital pleased them greatly, especially as the "big square and steep stairs" reminded them of St. Bartholomew's!

A MEETING was held in June, I hear, at Sir Evelyn Baring's house, at which a Committee was appointed to supervise the working of the new scheme. It consists of Sir Evelyn Baring, as president, Sir Sydney Waterlow, Dr. Greene, and Dr. Milton, with Dr. Sandwith as secretary and treasurer. The £300 granted by the Egyptian Government has been paid over to Dr. Sandwith, with authority to pay out of it the monthly salaries of the Sisters. The control of the institution is practically placed, therefore, in the hands of Drs. Milton and Sandwith, and everyone must feel that it could not well have been entrusted to abler management. Thanks to Sir Sydney Waterlow, there is now a chance of English Nursing having a fair field in Egypt for showing what it can do, and I shall be greatly surprised if Miss Hughes and Miss Munro do not turn the opportunity to the best possible account.

It is reported that Miss Pratt has been appointed Sister of the Rowsell Wards, and Miss Alice Smith, Sister Blizard, at the London Hospital, both having distinguished themselves during their Probationer period in that great institution. I am told that much pleasure is felt at these appointments, as they signify the acceptance of a system which is now being widely adopted at other large Nursing Schools, of always promoting their own Nurses, who have special merit, to the charge of wards when the opportunity offers. The yearly examination at this institution has just been held, and the following is the list of the successful candidates, all of whom, and especially the prizewomen, I warmly congratulate. *First Prize*, Miss Rickett; *second*, Miss Coulton; *third*, Miss Wilson. *Pass List, very satisfactory*, Misses Hamilton, Taylor, Lemon, Fishwick, Cornwell, Huffam, McKintosh, Hobbs, Powell, Benning, Gray,

Maxwell, Pullen, Sammult, Platts, Sabel, McDonall, Prentice, Clarke; *satisfactory*, Misses Preston, Lowell, Ross, Westwood, Higginson, Lawrie, Muller, Richmond, Wood, Kerrison, Lawrence, Parker, Gasson, Wippel.

I HEAR that Miss Annie Sibley, Night Superintendent of St. Mary Abbot's Infirmary, Kensington, W., has been appointed Matron, and Superintendent of Nurses, to the Withington Workhouse Hospitals. Miss Sibley was trained at the Nightingale Training School, in connection with the Brownlow Hill Workhouse, Hospital, Liverpool, and had, temporary charge there as Night Superintendent, and as Home Sister to the Nurses' Home. Her long experience in Poor Law Infirmary Nursing will, no doubt, be of much service to her in the large charge she has undertaken, and I wish her all success in her new post.

MISS PHOEBE WINDER, late of the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, was elected on the 6th inst. Matron of the Broomhill Home, Kirkintilloch, near Glasgow, out of nearly sixty candidates for the post. I hope she will be very happy and comfortable in her new post.

THE event of the week in hospital dissipation was without doubt the Silver Wedding Fête at the National Hospital, Queen-square. I had the honour of receiving an invitation, but, as a full account of the lively doings appears in another column, I will only say one word. What I was most charmed with, was the Children's Ward, which has only been open a few months, and which was a picture of cleanliness, brightness, and order. The decoration of the fireplace was specially good, the ground-work of terracotta and sage green tiles were half covered, almost to the ceiling, with a trellis of ivy and rose leaves and lovely shaded rose-buds, dotted here and there by an artistically careless hand. In the kitchen, adjoining this ward, I noticed that all the utensils consisted of the new and very pretty "granitine" pale grey mottled enamel on iron, which is unbreakable, and therefore specially adapted for the use of children.

A CORRESPONDENT sends me the following interesting cutting from a recent number of the *Bristol Mercury*:—"The departure of a properly-qualified medical Nurse from the Bristol General Hospital, to take part in the missionary work abroad, is one of many instances exemplifying the importance and usefulness of the system which has now been in operation at that institution for about three years. These Nurses, who come mostly from the middle-class, undergo a regular course of training, a few particulars of which will not be wholly uninteresting. The candidates for training in this Nursing college

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