

MISS L. A. MONT WILSON has been appointed Matron to the Cardiff Infirmary. She received her training at the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, and has worked at Maidstone, Tewkesbury, and the Convalescent Hospital for Sick Children at Highgate.

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MISS ELLEN G. SAYLE, who holds a certificate of training from St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has been appointed Sister-in-Charge of Wards at the New Hospital for Women, Euston Road. Miss Sayle is a member of the R.B.N.A., and a Registered Nurse.

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I AM indebted to the courtesy of Mr. Gofton Salmond, the well-known Hon. Secretary of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund—a very real Pension Fund for Nurses—for the information that, with the sanction of its President, H.R.H. Princess Christian, Mrs. Margaret du Ane has been appointed to a vacant pension of £15 per annum. So it would seem that one of the ladies whom Mr. H. C. Burdett recently declared "dried up" but "never died" has been cruel enough to contradict another of that gentleman's statements in the most conclusive manner.

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I MUCH regret to hear of the sudden death of Miss K. M. Heanley, Matron of the Boston Hospital, which took place last week, it is stated, from heart disease, &c. Miss Heanley had been Matron of the Hospital for some years, was greatly respected, and it will be very difficult to repair her loss to the Institution.

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I AM glad to hear of the most useful and successful work done by the Stockton District Nursing Association. It employs a Superintendent (Miss O'Kelly) and two Nurses. Lady Londonderry, the President, who took the chair at a recent meeting of the Council, was able to show a capital record of good work, in which personally she has taken no small share. It has been decided to take and furnish a commodious Nurses' Home, and a considerable amount of the necessary funds has already been collected. The Association owes much to its Hon. Secretary, Mr. Makepeace, who has spared neither time nor trouble to introduce a system of home attendance on the sick poor, which has been greatly wanted in Stockton and its neighbourhood.

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THE following interesting annotation appeared in *The Lancet* last week. Nurses owe a great debt of gratitude to the leading medical journal for the powerful and constant support which it has always accorded to their Association.

"THE increasing value placed upon skilled Nursing in the treatment of disease has made it all the more essential that medical men and the public should be protected from the many ignorant women, and even criminals, who now are able, on the strength of forged or stolen hospital certificates, or even without such testimonials, to obtain work as Nurses. For it is a fact which cannot be denied, and the gravity of which is very obvious, that there are probably hundreds of women now engaged in attendance upon the sick who have had neither education nor experience to fit them for their important duties, and that included amongst these are persons who have been imprisoned for more or less serious crimes. We have on many occasions supported the efforts made by the Royal British Nurses' Association to bring about a system of registration of trained Nurses, and have much regretted that a small number of hospitals and medical men have so strenuously opposed the Association."

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"How extreme that opposition has been was lately shown when the Association applied to the Board of Trade to be incorporated, under its present name, as a limited liability company. Its opponents actually petitioned the Board, as the anti-vivisectionists also did at the same time in the case of the Institute of Preventive Medicine, to insist upon the word "limited" being added to the name of the Royal Association, as if both societies were ordinary trading bodies. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach unfortunately in both cases yielded to this pressure, and peremptorily refused to associations engaged in great public and professional works the petty privilege they sought, and which has been so frequently granted to small and unimportant companies. In the case of the Institute, powerful remonstrances effected a speedy reversal of this mistaken attitude; but we understand that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach at present adheres to his decision in the case of the Nurses' Association."

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"It is a mortifying reflection that England should be behind her colonies in any matter; but the latest news from the Cape shows that the South African Government assists, instead of attempting to retard, greatly needed improvements. The Cape Parliament has just passed a Medical Act, which, with the almost unanimous approval of the hospitals and medical men in the colony, contains clauses inserted at the instance of prominent colonial members of the Royal British Nurses' Association. These provide for the compulsory examination, certification and registration of all who practise as trained

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