

new. They are of opinion that those who entered under the old regulations should not have been required to re-enter under different regulations. Reforms are always somewhat trying to old workers, and it is much to be deplored that the Army Medical Department so obstinately refused to go along with the times. So far as the Nursing Service was concerned, it had many hints that sooner or later it would require drastic measures if progressive management was neglected. The inevitable happened—the system of nursing organisation in the African War proved so obsolete that there was nothing for it but to rearrange the whole Service.

Miss Winifred Plum, whose portrait appears on this page, is the Matron of the Victoria Hospital, Folkestone, and a member of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland. After obtaining some experience in the nursing of children at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, she entered the nursing school of University College Hospital for a three years' course of training; and afterwards acted for nine months as staff nurse in this hospital. She subsequently held the position of Sister in the Women and Children's Wards at the Crumpsall Infirmary, Manchester, and in May of last year was appointed Matron of the Victoria Hospital, Folkestone.

We acknowledge with gratitude a subscription of £3 3s. from Mrs. George Harwood for the Nurses' Home of Rest at Brighton. We hear that Christmas is to be kept there with great spirit, and hope for our usual gifts of good cheer.

We learn that Miss E. V. Kanthack, Sister Charity at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, is resigning her position, and that her future home will be with her parents in Brazil. Miss Kanthack, in addition to her general training, holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society, so that she is qualified in the three main branches of her profession. She will be much missed not only by her colleagues in the hospital,

but also by many who have been brought into contact with her, and who appreciate the high professional tone she maintains, her courtesy of manner, and her interest in the welfare of her profession as a whole. The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, of which she is a member, will also lose her services from its Executive Committee. Miss Kanthack will take with her many good wishes for her happiness in her new sphere of life.

We are informed that Miss Bridger, the late Matron of the Swansea General and Eye Hospital, is shortly leaving England for Gibraltar—not Malta—to take up a new appointment.

It is sad to learn from a circular issued by the Coronation National Fund for Nurses in Ireland "that there are many old nurses of the sick

—some whose ages range from seventy to eighty-seven years, and two who are 100 years old—who are now paupers in Irish workhouses, or in receipt of outdoor relief, and who had spent a great part of their lives working as nurses of the sick. Such is the gloomy outlook at present for many of the nurses in Ireland when old age or infirmity renders them incapable to work at their profession."



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