

**County Borough of Warrington.**—Miss Annie Spence has been appointed School Nurse. She was trained at the Warrington Infirmary, and has had experience of private nursing and district nursing in Manchester.

#### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

*Postings and Transfers.*—Sisters: Miss E. Beck, to Military Hospital, Pietermaritzburg; Miss L. M. Lyall, to Military Hospital, Bloemfontein; Miss E. H. Hordley, to s.s. *Plassy*, for duty as Acting Matron; Miss M. M. Tunley, to s.s. *Plassy*, for duty; Miss F. G. P. de Stourdza-Zrinyi, to s.s. *Plassy*, for duty. Staff Nurses: Miss E. B. Levay, to Military Hospital, Shorncliffe; Miss L. A. Ephgrave, to Military Hospital, Cork; Miss L. E. Schneider, to Military Hospital, Devonport; Miss M. D. Woodhouse, to s.s. *Plassy*, for duty; Miss E. C. E. Lindsay, to Royal Infirmary, Dublin; Miss M. E. Medforth, to Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot.

#### QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

*Transfers and Appointments.*—Miss Florence E. Filkin to Cheshire C. N. Association, as Superintendent; Miss Christena Anderson, to Brighton; Miss Mary A. Binns, to Holbeck Home, Leeds; Miss Annie M. Browne, to Huddersfield; Miss Alexina Cowee, to Moseley Road Home, Birmingham; Miss Mary Givens, to Bilston; Miss Nellie Holmes, to Barrow-in-Furness; Miss Ada Parry, to Belvedere.

#### EXAMINATIONS.

At a meeting of the Wandsworth Board of Guardians, on Thursday, October 8th, the Chairman, the Rev. Canon Curtis, presented certificates to those probationers from the Infirmary Training School who were successful at the qualifying examination recently held there. Out of twenty-one candidates nineteen succeeded in satisfying the examiner (Dr. Webster), Probationer Gage heading the list with 233 marks out of a possible 250.

#### LEAGUE NEWS.

The following ladies have joined the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses: Miss Winifred Bickham, Miss Margaret Kennedy, Miss Irene Appleyard, Miss Nina Cairns.

#### IRISH HOSPITALS AND THE NURSES' REGISTRATION BILL.

Amongst many committees of Irish hospitals which have passed resolutions relating to the Nurses' Registration Bill are the Rotunda Hospital, and Mercer's Hospital, Dublin. At the last meeting of the Board of Governors of the Rotunda Hospital, the Secretary was directed to send the resolution of the Governors, protesting against exclusion of Irish nurses from the Bill, to the Premier and the Chief Secretary, and a strong resolution in the same sense was sent by the Governors of Mercer's Hospital to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, the Earl of Crewe, the Chief Secretary, and a number of Irish Members of Parliament.

### Nursing Echoes.



Under the heading of "The School for Suffering," an outrageous series of articles purporting to be the Experiences of a Hospital Nurse, are appearing week by week in a penny magazine. A correspondent writes: "I have no doubt doctors and nurses think 'silent contempt' is the dignified course with such

stuff, but when one considers the large circulation the paper has among just the class of people who are patients in hospitals, it seems a pity it should be allowed to undermine their confidence, and add to all their other trials that of suspecting their sick friends of being neglected as described."

Hospital life with its daily tragedies no doubt lends itself to good "copy," and the articles alluded to are certainly well "peppered." The writer is, of course, an irreproachable "pro," and her experiences are skyscraping. No. XIII. describes her martyrdom—of course at the hands of Sister and Staffs—one of the latter directing her to the "Museum" when she is set to light up the lecture hall, where the "bottlers," the pickled monstrosities, meet her horrified gaze, and where she screams on the floor until she is "lugged" off to bed by another nurse, to whom she is a "poor kid." Of course, she faints, and overhears the doctor and Home Sister maligning the Matron. "A nice girl, Matron prejudiced; too sensitive for hospital life." Then, of course, she takes a double dose of a narcotic, and is later clutched and pinched awake by the fiend who sent her with *malice propense* to the Museum, is accused of cruelty to patients, and we leave her half-dazed tottering off to further scarification at the hands of the relentless Matron.

In parentheses we read:—

"The majority of nurses divide themselves automatically into two groups—the hard-hearted, serious-minded women who wait on the sick, and the flighty, affected nurses who imagine that every man they meet is in love with them. Their patients' brothers, cousins, and even husbands are their fair prey, and if they can steal a couple of hours—instead of one hour—for dinner, so as to have the chance of chatting to a fascinating man, they are con-

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