

General Training at Camberwell Infirmary, Midwifery Training at Myddelton Square, and District Training at Northampton and has since held the following appointments:—Queen's Nurse, Northampton; Assistant Superintendent, Watford Training Home; Assistant Superintendent (temp.), Hertfordshire C.N.A.

Miss Winifred J. Bignell is appointed to Three Towns, Miss Jane Giles to Hampstead, Miss Ellen M. Hall to Grimsby as Senior Nurse, Miss Helen B. Lee to St. George's, Donnington Wood, Miss Jane C. Murray to Todmorden as Senior Nurse.

FRENCH HONOUR FOR A BRITISH NURSE.

A medal has been awarded to Miss Alice Stephens, a British nurse in the temporary hospital at Houlgate, who contracted typhoid fever while attending with the greatest devotion to patients suffering from the same illness.

NURSING ECHOES.

The Fever Nurses' Association is drawing the attention of the clerks of infectious hospitals to the value of its certificate as evidence of efficient training in fever nursing, and expresses the hope that the Committees of these hospitals will bear this fact in mind when the appointment of Sisters and nurses arises. The Association is endeavouring to institute a uniform standard of training, and its certificate is only awarded when a nurse has received two years' fever training (or one year if she has received general training) in a hospital recognized by the Association, and supplies a certificate from the Matron of the fever hospital to say that she is in every respect fitted for registration by the Association.

There are now 75 names on the roll of the Irish Nurses' Association Nursing Corps of the St. John's Ambulance Association, all fully qualified nurses, who are ready to give their services either at home or abroad. The Association's Division is No. 12, and the members have been fortunate in getting Dr. William de Courcy Wheeler and Dr. Thomas Gillman Moorehead as their divisional surgeons. A good many of the members have been called up for active service, both home and foreign.

An appreciative reader of this JOURNAL writes:—"Before closing, I would like to give you these unsolicited testimonials of your JOURNAL. Dr. T—, who is a Bart's man, and was our doctor here, and belonged to the Special Reserve R.A.M.C., was called out, and is now near Ypres. He wrote asking if I would send him my BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, for he had not time to read his *B.M.J.*, but could find time to read the *B.J.N.*,

and it was a most popular paper in his mess. A Bart's nurse, also helping to nurse the wounded, asked, before leaving, for my JOURNAL weekly, as her training was now somewhat out of date, and she should rely upon THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING to help her and keep her up to date. So now my copy goes to her and then on to the doctor at Ypres."

Of course an Editor greatly appreciates such testimony to the usefulness of her JOURNAL—but at the same time she would remind her kind readers that literary excellence and accuracy are expensive items—especially in war time, and ventures to suggest that they should expend a penny weekly in its support, a by no means excessive price for the expert information which they find so valuable.

We regret that owing to pressure on our space this paragraph has been held over.

The members of the Bristol Branch of the N.U.T.N. held their annual meeting on January 28th in one of the lecture rooms of the University, when Mr. Hey Groves delivered a most interesting lecture on "Some of the Problems of War Surgery" to a large audience. There was a collection after the lecture, and Miss Dryden, the Branch Treasurer, reported that she had £5 13s. 4d. to hand over to Mr. Hey Groves for splints and appliances for the voluntary hospitals in France.

After the lecture the members assembled at Fortt's Restaurant for tea and to transact business. It was decided not to print a report for this year, as, owing to the war and a change of secretaries, the autumn programme of meetings had to be given up. The Treasurer presented a satisfactory balance-sheet; this will be printed and sent to members. The Committee was re-elected to serve again for the ensuing year, and Miss Dryden and Miss Smith were elected as joint Secretaries. All communications concerning the Bristol Branch to be addressed either to Miss Dryden, The Children's Hospital, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, or to Miss Smith, at Healtondale, Stoke Bishop, Bristol.

Mr. J. A. Fleming, K.C., and Professor Harvey Littlejohn, have been appointed by the Local Government Board for Scotland, as Commissioners, to hold an inquiry regarding the general treatment of patients in Belvidere Hospital, Glasgow. It is expected that the inquiry will open on Friday, February 19th, in the Burgh Hall, City Chambers. It is the outcome of the complaint of a father as to the treatment of his child, now deceased, while in the hospital.

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