

died for England during the South African War. Any nurses who are willing to help in the work of founding such an Annuity should write to Miss Macdonald, Hon. Secretary of the Benevolent Funds, 10, Orchard Street, Portman Square, W. 1.

APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Rose MacBride has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the new Health Department in connection with the works of Messrs. Robinson and Son at Chesterfield. Miss MacBride has seen many lands, and has done a great deal of organising work. Among other appointments she held was the Matronship of the Infirmary attached to the Foundling Hospital, and she was also, at one time, Assistant Matron of the Western Infirmary, Glasgow. Miss MacBride's adventures beyond the seas have been numerous and varied. On one occasion she was wrecked on a coral reef off the lovely island of Jamaica. She and other ladies were taken off the reef by gunboats, and "being pleased with the look of the island," she went to the office of the surgeon and saw his secretary, who asked, "What can I do for you?" "I want the Matronship of one of your hospitals" was the prompt reply. She did get such an appointment and soon after she was given the work of inspecting and re-equipping the whole of the hospitals on the island.

Miss MacBride held two Matronships in South Africa, and when war broke out there she was given an appointment as Matron of a hospital for 5,000 people. Few British women have been up the wonderful Amazon river, but Miss MacBride has sailed right up to Manos. She has seen the snows of Canada, felt the burning sun of Australia, Ceylon, Panama and Colon; but the call of her own North found her again, and since then she has held several important appointments in London and elsewhere.

Miss Louisa Bonham has been appointed Matron of the Peak Hospital, Hongkong. She had a very delightful journey out *via* Canada and Japan, and writes enthusiastically of the beauties of the latter and its wisteria-covered houses. The Peak Hospital is very beautifully situated, and Miss Bonham appears to enjoy the prospect of spending some years there. She became a Member of the Corporation in 1912 after her training at the General Hospital, Auckland.

Miss Minnie Pugh has been appointed Sister at the Clandon Park Hospital, Guildford, Surrey. She was trained at the London Temperance Hospital, and became a Member of the Corporation in 1916.

COMFORTS FOR SOLDIERS.

Some time ago we asked any Members or friends, who have time to do so, to make a few comforts for a regiment of artillery in France. It appears that several had come to the conclusion that, with the cessation of hostilities, those would not longer be required. They are quite urgently wanted, how-

ever, and we shall be very grateful for any mufflers, mittens, &c., to send to the soldiers.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH OF THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

Reports from the South Australian Branch have just reached us. The news contained in them is, in some respects, overdue, as, it will be remembered, certain reports previously forwarded to us failed to arrive.

At the last Annual Meeting of the Branch Association much regret was felt at the absence of Dr. Cecil Corbin owing to illness, and deep appreciation of the work he did for the Association was expressed.

Since last we heard from the Branch Association the Army Nurses' Club have arranged to make the R.B.N.A. Home their headquarters. During the year Miss Richardson, Matron-in-Chief of the Australian Army Nursing Service, visited the Home, as well as others interested in Army Nursing work. Miss Graham, R.R.C. and Hon. Diplomée of the Royal British Nurses' Association, is again taking an active part in the management of the business of the Australian Branch, having returned to Adelaide after accomplishing splendid work both in Egypt and in England.

Since the last reports were received Miss Eglinton has been married to Mr. Mackay, Miss Haynes to Mr. Dooley, Miss Lambe to Mr. Cowled, Miss Le Lievre to Mr. Smillie, Miss Marsh to Dr. Downing, Miss Norman to Mr. Penny, Miss O'Hara to Mr. Clapson, Miss Riley to Dr. Baker, Miss Waugh to Mr. Ellert, and Miss Whitehead to Mr. Wood. We send to them all warm good wishes from the Parent Association.

It is with deep regret that we have received official notice of the deaths of Mrs. Enever Todd, Miss Atkinson, R.R.C., Miss Breakall, and Miss Seamark. Mrs. Enever Todd, as Sister Ball, was one of the first nurses to join the Australian Branch, and was for some time Matron of the Home. Several of our Members in the Parent Association have pleasant memories of Miss Atkinson when she came over to England soon after the commencement of war; her bright, frank manner helped to emphasise the bond of comradeship between them and herself as a Member of the overseas branch. Miss Breakall became a Member of the Association in 1904 and Miss Seamark's death we have already referred to in these pages, as news of it reached us from another source.

The report bears evidence that difficulties have arisen in Adelaide, as in other countries, owing to the numbers of nurses who have left civil for military duty. In the present great war Australian nurses have played a very worthy part, and we cordially echo the closing words of their Committee's report by wishing them all a safe return.

(Signed) ISABEL MACDONALD,
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