

appeal to every self-respecting member to consider this question. We are independent and can afford to treat "a personal attack" with the contempt it deserves, but many nurse members are poor and dependent, and they cannot protect themselves against a cowardly attack, such as those already made on nurse members, aided and abetted by the Journal Committee.

The Victorian Order of Nurses.

AN important Meeting convened by the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen, was lately held at Ottawa, to discuss the organization of the proposed Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada, at which Dr. Worcester, principal of the training school for district nurses at Worcester, Mass., made an eloquent address, tracing the rise of modern nursing from its inception in an obscure German village by Fliegner, in 1832, to the present day, touching on Miss Florence Nightingale's great work in the Crimea.

Lord Aberdeen said the scheme had been much criticised, fearing that it might spread half-trained nurses over the country, but in reality it was intended to send out highly trained women. This is reassuring, as any organization which encouraged a shorter and less thorough training for district nurses than the full curriculum of the leading Canadian Schools for their certified graduates, would necessarily interfere with nursing progress in the Dominion, and should be avoided in the beginning. It was decided to apply for a Charter for the new Order of Nurses, and rumour has it that the application will be made in England, so that the order may have the distinction of receiving a special Royal Charter from Her Majesty the Queen.

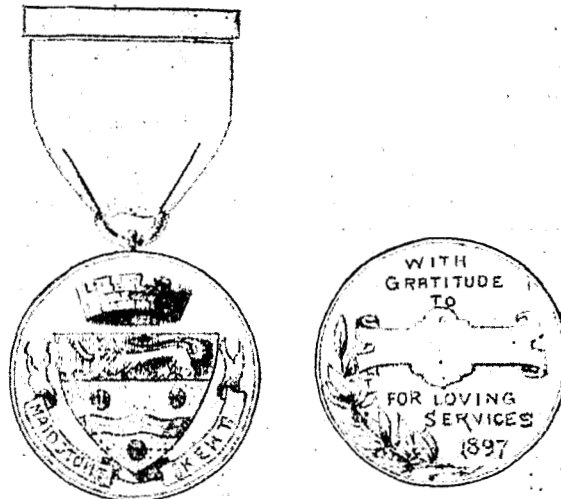
Appointments.

MISS HENRIETTA HAMILTON has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Princess Mary Village Homes at Addlestone, Surrey. Miss Hamilton is a lady of great experience in nursing, having held for eight years the position of Sister to the Sophia wards at the London Hospital, and, later, that of Matron to the Princess Alice Memorial Hospital at Eastbourne, and the Lady Strangford Hospital at Port Said. Miss Hamilton is well known to the workers at Addlestone, and held in much respect by them. We wish her happiness in a new sphere of usefulness.

A Just Recognition.

As we go to press a Reception is being held at the Museum at Maidstone, by the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. Councillor and Mrs. Barker, at

which medals are to be presented to some two hundred and seventy nurses in recognition of their services to those who have been stricken with enteric fever during the terrible epidemic, and many of whom owe their lives to the skilled medical and nursing care so efficiently provided for them by the Town Council of Maidstone. The Lord and Lady Mayoress of London are to be



present, and we sincerely regret our inability to accept a courteous invitation to take part in this interesting function. Our readers will be interested in a representation of the medal, which is of silver, and suspended by a dark blue ribbon striped with yellow, the Maidstone colours. We congratulate the recipients upon this just recognition of duty well performed.

Honours for Nurses.

THE Examinations of Probationary Nurses at the Royal United Hospital, Bath, have of late years been modelled on the system at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, from which school the present Lady Superintendent, Mrs. Mathias, graduated, marks being awarded by the Medical Lecturers for papers and *viva voce* examinations, and by the Lady Superintendent for practical work and general conduct—400 being the maximum.

At the Examination just held, the President's Gold Medal was awarded to Miss N. Pidgeon, who gained the highest number of marks; and a Silver Medal was awarded to the five following ladies—all of whom attained a high standard of efficiency:—Miss Marion Jones, Miss Webber, Miss Edith Joseph, Miss Edmunds, and Miss Rhoda Evans. May this recognition of good work done by these graduate nurses, augur well for a successful professional future.

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