

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

MISS AMELIA RUSSELL CARGILL has been appointed Night Superintendent at the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road, E.C. Miss Cargill was trained for two years at Chalmers' Hospital, Edinburgh, and subsequently was trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and is at present on the staff of that institution, having entered as a probationer in 1894.

SISTERS.

MISS MARY MACDONALD has been promoted to be the Sister of Victoria and Cambridge Wards, Miss Maud Pidgeon to be Sister of Helena and Katherine Wards, and Miss Alice Edmonds Sister of Albert and Edinbro' Wards, at the Royal United Hospital, Bath, in which institution they received their training.

Coveted Distinctions.

MISS EDITH MARY MONK MASON gained the Gold Medal of St. Bartholomew's Hospital in the recent examination of probationers. The medal is awarded to the nurse who obtains the highest number of marks in the final examination, which is determined by the evidence of her knowledge of both the theory and practice of nursing.

THE recent examination of Nurses at the Royal United Hospital, Bath, has resulted in the Gold Medal being won by Miss Maud Hooper, and the Silver Medal being awarded to Miss Bridget Jones. We heartily congratulate all these ladies on their professional honours.

Actors' Orphanage Fund.

WE draw attention to the way in which members of the theatrical profession support the benevolent schemes in connection with their own calling. Last week the sum of £3,000 was subscribed in thirty minutes at a meeting at the Haymarket Theatre, under the Presidency of Sir Edward Lawson, to consider the advisability of accepting an offer from Mr. Passmore Edwards to build a Home for the orphans maintained by the fund. In view of the great expense of maintaining such a Home, it was ultimately decided that it was inadvisable at present to accept the offer. Mrs. Kendal struck the right note when she appealed to members of the profession to maintain the Fund, "as Grace would say, off our own bat," and then and there the money poured in. First in sums of £100, then £25, then £10, then £5, then guineas were rained, and the actors showed to other professions that they at least possessed the spirit of professional independence,

County Nursing Associations.

WE believe that in the future the County Nursing Associations will accomplish very valuable work for the poor in rural districts; at present their attempt to place women of the cottage class in charge of the sick poor in villages after a six months experience of district nursing at the Maternity Home at Plaistow, where they have neither time nor ward experience to gain the knowledge required, is open to very grave objections, and we are pleased to observe the following sensible remarks on the subject in this week's *British Medical Journal*.

"It is quite fitting that one of the subjects discussed by the National Union of Women Workers at Norwich should be the nursing of the villagers. . . . In considering the remarks made by the various speakers, we note that at present all schemes for cottage nursing seem to be defective in organization; it is of first importance that the cottage nurse should reside in the sphere of her work, and that she should be part of a system of complete nursing. The cottage nurse is only to furnish elementary aid, and to act as assistant to the skilled nurse when acute illness calls for such nursing in the village or district; hence to make the scheme complete, the cottage nurse should be linked to a system which could furnish medical and nursing aid as required."

At the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Rural Nursing Association lately held at Bedford, the speakers threw many interesting side lights on the question. The President, the Duchess of Bedford, gave an admirable address in which she said:—

"They would learn from the report the extent to which they had succeeded in forming nursing districts and generally carrying on the work of the Association, but there was one subject she desired specially to mention and that was the great difficulty they had experienced in getting suitable candidates to make application for the scholarships. Two things were absolutely essential to the working of the Association. The first was that it should get an adequate amount of financial support, and secondly that suitable persons should offer themselves for training as nurses. Particulars relative to the Nursing Scholarships had been widely circulated by means of placards and handbills, but from the few applications received it appeared that the advantages offered were not fully appreciated. The Association required candidates to be able to read and write well and furnish satisfactory evidence as to general character, together with a medical certificate for their physical fitness for the work of a district nurse. If the Executive Committee was satisfied in these respects the candidate was then placed under the supervision of one of the district nurses of the Borough of Bedford for a few days in order that her suitability for the work might be ascertained, and if a satisfactory report was received the candidate was then sent up to an institution in London

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