

If ever any superintendent of nurses finds that she is not permitted to make efficient arrangements for the night nursing of the patients under her care, her duty is plain. If her representations to her committee do not avail, she must definitely refuse, in writing, to be responsible for the nursing of the patients, on the ground that she cannot conscientiously perform the duties required of her, and resign a position which has become untenable.

Appointments.

MATRON.

MISS ELLEN BATH has been appointed Matron of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter. Miss Bath received her training at St. Thomas' Hospital, and for six years has held the position of Ward Sister, and for the last six months of Assistant Matron in the institution of which she has now been appointed Matron.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT.

MISS MAUD WEDDALL has been appointed Assistant Superintendent at the Cork Street Fever Hospital, Dublin. Miss Weddall received her training at St. Mary Abbott's Infirmary, Kensington, and has held the position of Staff Sister at the Infirmary and Children's Hospital, Kidderminster.

SISTERS.

MISS FLORENCE M. MOLES has been appointed Sister at the Fulham Infirmary. She received her training at Guy's Hospital, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Park Hospital, Lewisham.

MISS JANE GREEN has been appointed Ward Sister at St. Leonard's Infirmary, Shoreditch. She received her training at the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Park Hospital, Lewisham.

The Passing Bell.

ON the 21st September there passed away, at the Birmingham General Hospital, after a very short illness, Nurse Catherine Gordon, aged 26, who was in the second year of her training, having entered as a probationer on 7th December, 1897.

The interment took place at Witton Cemetery, on the 25th, the funeral ceremony being performed by Revd. Father O'Dowd. On the coffin were crosses and wreaths from Miss Gordon (sister), Rev. S. G. and Mrs. Collier (Mrs. Collier being the former Matron of the Hospital), Miss Marriott, Mr. and Mrs. Barling, Sisters Coghlan and De Wind, a former Patient, and from the Matron and Nursing Staff, the Residents, the House Governor, and the Servants of the General Hospital.

Nursing Echoes.

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THE Board of Examiners responsible for the selection of suitable candidates from those nursing graduates desirous of entering for the course in Hospital Economics, instituted in connection with Columbia University, New York, held their first meeting on Friday in last week. The members are experienced superintendents, who are appointed by the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools.

A SOCIETY of Male Nurses and Masseurs is being started at 15, Great Marylebone Street, Portland Place, on a co-operative basis. It is proposed to charge the members of the Society a commission of 10 per cent. on their earnings, and at the end of the year, after expenses are paid, to divide the surplus equally amongst the nurses. The members are stated to be fully trained hospital and asylum male nurses, and the fees charged are at the usual rates. For cases where no special training or skill is required, second-class men are sent out as valet attendants. These men will not be sent out as trained nurses, but will receive a short training in elementary nursing. For these second-class attendants a fee of one guinea a week will be charged. We are informed that the greatest care will be exercised as to the class of men employed, and every man's character will be thoroughly investigated before he is taken on the staff. The Superintendent of the Society is Mr. W. A. Creedon.

A CHILD of two years old was recently suffocated at the Kensington Infirmary, under the following circumstances. Being very restless, he was tied in bed by a bandage fastened to his nightdress. The nurse left the ward to get him some dinner, and, on her return, found him hanging over the edge of the bed quite dead, suffocation having supervened from pressure of the nightdress on the trachea. It is difficult to understand how the accident occurred, and how a ward could have been left long enough for death to have ensued before assistance arrived. We, however, sympathise with the nurse upon whose part there seems to have been no wilful neglect,

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