

position in the hospital, and though a very young woman, was held in great esteem by the Superintendent and Board, and we have a very lively recollection of her pretty little Madonna face, and her unfailing kindness to "a new Pro."

MISS BANN held the important positions of Matron to the Swansea Hospital, and General Hospital, Bristol, before she was appointed Lady Superintendent to the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, in each of which institutions she gained a reputation as a good disciplinarian and able manager. In losing her active work in the nursing world, we part from her with regret, and offer her, in the name of many colleagues, hearty good wishes for many years of restful happiness.

WE were specially pleased to notify the appointment of Miss E. M. Jones to succeed Miss Bann at Liverpool. On all previous occasions the vacancy of Lady Superintendent, when vacant, has been filled by a candidate not trained at the Royal Infirmary. This, perhaps, was best in the past, but now that the Nursing School at this institution has been modernised, it is only right and just that its most efficient pupils should have the encouragement of promotion to fill the higher posts in its organization. The RECORD wishes, therefore, many years of successful work to the new Lady Superintendent, Miss Jones.

IN addition to the names of the nurses who gained gold and silver medals in the recent examination at the Royal United Hospital, Bath, we are now able to give those of the nurses who successfully passed the examination and gained their certificates. They are Nurses Bell, Butterworth, Pope, Cope, and Evans.

THE nursing world will learn with extreme regret that Miss Clara Barton, the President of the American Red Cross Society, is still lying dangerously ill of nervous prostration at Galveston. Her illness was occasioned by her arduous work amongst the sufferers during the recent disaster.

NURSES in uniform are not infrequently appealed to as authorities in cases of accident or illness in the street, and as often there is some difficulty in determining whether a man is suffering from cerebral trouble, and should be conveyed to a hospital, or whether his condition is caused by excessive drinking, in which case the police station would provide more suitable accommodation, it is well that they should be acquainted with a rough and ready test which may be applied in these cases, and which is stated

by Dr. G. H. Darwin, of the St. John's Ambulance Association, to be the only reliable one. This is to place the back of the hand on the person's chest. If he feels warmer than usual, the trouble is almost sure to be cerebral. If, on the contrary, he feels colder, and there is, in addition, a smell of drink, it is probably alcohol. It is unsafe to judge from the smell of alcohol alone, as a man who has been drinking may fall down insensible, owing to a fit, or an accident to his head, and the test of temperature should always be applied.

SHOULD a test as to height and weight be imposed upon candidates who apply to hospitals for admission as probationers? A nurse of average height has, no doubt, the advantage—all things being even—when lifting a patient over her shorter colleague. Still, as every nurse knows, even lifting is more a question of "knack" than of physical force. Our own experience goes to prove that some women who would be disqualified if a test as to height and weight were required, make excellent nurses, while those whose inches are in accordance with regulations do not by any means always shine in their work. Many more points besides height and bulk have to be considered in weighing the qualifications of candidates.

COLONIAL Matrons whose committees obtain their furniture and nursing requisites in this country, are wise when they secure the assistance of an English Matron to make the necessary selection. The Shanghai Municipal Council have, through Miss Campbell, the Matron of the private nursing home there, authorised Mrs. Frederick Wates, better known as Miss Emmie Lofts, the late Matron of the Lewisham Infirmary and a member of the Matrons' Council, to select all the bedsteads, bedding, linen, kitchen and ward requisites for their new infectious hospital for natives, and for a Nursing Home which has been built as a Jubilee memorial. Mrs. Wates is also engaging three nurses for the Council, the engagement being for three years, the passage paid both ways, and the salary given being, in the case of a nurse who can dispense, £100 per annum, and for the other two £75. All Matrons will understand the labour involved in making the necessary arrangements, and, indeed, we hear from Mrs. Wates that orders from Shanghai have been arriving by almost every mail, but the service is one which we feel sure that English Matrons are ready to undertake for their colleagues abroad.

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