

come forward to help on the scheme. Those interested in the project should communicate with Miss Beadon, 10, Cheniston Gardens, Kensington.

The head of a young women's school in Paris, says the *American Journal of Nursing*, having been four years in a New York school, and seeing the care given to students in college and private schools by resident graduate nurses, realised the benefit received, and has made application to the Presbyterian Hospital for a nurse to fill such a position in her French school. The nurse goes to take up this line of work in Paris next October.

One of the best New York schools has asked that the position of matron, or housekeeper, be filled by a graduate nurse. This demands executive ability, the happy faculty of managing people without friction, and the science of household economics.

The public has found that a graduate nurse when possessed of these essentials is a most valuable officer because of the discipline of her training.

### The Passing Bell.

The tragic death is announced of Miss Paterson, a Nursing Sister at Barberton, South Africa, who was killed by an accident whilst travelling in company with Miss Jacobs and a civilian doctor to the Sheba gold mine. After leaving the main line from Barberton at Avoca Station, the party attached a small trolley behind some trucks, which were drawn by a light engine carrying coal and other stores to the mines, which are approached by a very steep incline. Halfway up, the power of the engine failed, with the result that the train began to run rapidly backwards down the incline. Miss Paterson jumped off the trolley, but unfortunately did not clear the line, and was run over and killed. Sister Jacobs, and the doctor, Mr. Wilson, escaped. Miss Paterson, who was extremely popular with the garrison at Barberton, was buried with full military honours.

We regret to record the death of Miss Kathleen Mooney, which took place recently at Calverley Moor Hospital. Miss Mooney was for twelve months a medical student at Cork College. She was trained as a nurse at the Limerick Infirmary for three years, and also had experience in fever nursing at the Dublin Fever Hospital. After gaining some experience as a private nurse on the staff of the Harrogate and Wakefield Trained Nurses' Home she was appointed Sister at Calverley Moor Hospital, Bradford, a position she has held for the last four years. Much sorrow is felt in the institution at the death of this Sister, who was a very popular officer.

## The Hospital World.

### CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL.

#### THE NURSES' HOME.

In no department of hospital organisation has greater progress been made of recent years than in the provision for the housing and comfort of the nursing staffs. Thirty years ago the needs of nurses in this respect had received little consideration. The accommodation provided for them was almost invariably comfortable, the food coarse, the attendance *nil*. Several nurses, as a rule, shared one bedroom, so that there was no privacy for them when off duty; they were expected to leave their beds made and their rooms in order before having their breakfast and going on duty in the wards at 7 a.m., and at their hurried meals they waited on themselves. Now all this is changed. Committees realise, as a rule, not only that the labourer is worthy of his hire, but also that, if nurses are to do the best work possible in the wards, they must be placed, when off duty, in surroundings which will serve to recruit their strength, to conserve the nervous energy which is so severely taxed when they are in the wards—in short, to surround them with the atmosphere beloved of the best type of woman, the atmosphere of a home.

In furtherance of this principle, almost every hospital of standing in the metropolis has, within recent years, reorganised or rebuilt its nursing home, the last addition being the Home now provided for the nursing staff of Charing Cross Hospital. This staff at present numbers about fifty, but it is probable, when additional wards are opened in the hospital, the number will be increased to nearly eighty. The Home, of which the main entrance is in Chandos Street, has only been opened for about three weeks, and the new and energetic Matron of the hospital, Miss Mildred Heather-Bigg, must have her hands very full in getting everything into order. At present, the Nurses' Home is still unconnected with the hospital, in which the kitchen, which caters for the whole establishment, is located, and, consequently, the nurses are unable as yet to have dinner and supper in their own dining-room; but this will come. A very pleasant room this dining-room is, and, as it is situated at the back of the Home, looking on to the hospital proper, it must be very quiet. Noticeable in its arrangements, as also in the other windows of the Home, are the double pulleys by means of which they are opened and closed. They appear to be a great improvement on the single pulley usually in vogue. On the same floor are two rooms, used at present as the Matron's office and sitting room, which, however, are intended ultimately for other uses. The nurses are provided with a comfortable sitting-room, and leading out of

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