

Annie Newman, Glasgow. Miss Wade, Superintendent of the Home, presented the recipients of the badges and certificates, with the exception of those who had been trained in Glasgow, and who were introduced to Her Royal Highness by Miss Berwick, Superintendent of the Glasgow Home. Badges and certificates were also presented to the following *in absentia*:—Badges.—Nurse Annie Scott and Nurse Douglas Stevenson, Lochwinnoch; Nurse Lydia Nesbitt, Dublin; Nurse Jessie Forsyth, Islay; Nurse Margaret Skene, Shielbridge; Nurse Annabella Campbell and Nurse Helen Smith, who were trained in Aberdeen. Certificates.—Annie M'Coll, Ardrishaig; Adelaide Touch, Glen-corse; Margaret Williamson, Connel; Christina Howieson, Bothwell; Emily Robertson, Maybole; Eleanor Turnell, Thornhill; Mary M'Gillivray, Easdale; Thomasina Eustice, Port-Glasgow; Jessie Clark, Aberdeen; Isabella Greig, Alyth; and Martha M'Kie, Leven.

The Rev. Canon Ellis, at the conclusion of the presentation ceremony, in the name of the Council, proposed a very cordial vote of thanks to Princess Louise, President of the Council, for her kindness in coming there amid her many engagements in the district. They were very grateful to Her Royal Highness for the interest she took in that Institute, which was doing so much to meet a very real want in Scotland.

The Duke of Argyll, in reply, said the Princess always looked forward to that anniversary gathering in Edinburgh to meet the nurses who had come from different parts of Scotland. There must, he thought, have been some conspiracy among them to get their patients well for that particular occasion, seeing they had been able to attend in such force. He asked the nurses present to tell those who were unable to be there that day that, though the Princess regretted that she had not seen them, she looked forward to their being able to come next year and get a badge from her.

Her Royal Highness thereafter visited a number of the rooms, and expressed herself as pleased with what she had seen.

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### A Loss to the Nursing World.

The resignation of Miss E. C. Sandford, Lady Superintendent of the City Hospital, Edinburgh, is a genuine loss to the nursing world. Miss Sandford was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, subsequently acted as a Sister at King's College Hospital, London, and has for the past ten years held her present position, during which term of office she has raised the nursing of Edinburgh's Fever Hospital to a first-class condition. For these ten arduous years Miss Sandford's work has been carried on in the old historic building

used from 1721 as the Edinburgh Infirmary, before the magnificent new Royal Infirmary was built about twenty years ago, and, in addition to her work as Superintendent of Nurses, has all the time done all the housekeeping of the hospital, and, although heavily handicapped by the very old and inconvenient buildings, there is no doubt that by her energy and influence Miss Sandford has done wonders for the comfort and well-being of all concerned.

For the last few years, in conjunction with the able Medical Superintendent, Dr. Ker, Miss Sandford has thrown herself heart and soul into the work of organising in the most convenient and up-to-date manner the system on which the grand new Fever Hospital at Colinton Mains has been established, and, although suffering from the result of over-work, she has superintended the moving from the old to the new hospital, and has thus started things off and laid the foundation of an extended nursing school before retiring, we know with the deepest regret, from a post which she has held for a decade and for which she was so peculiarly adapted.

On December 11th a touching ceremony was performed by Dr. Ker, when, upon her retirement, he presented Miss Sandford with a handsome Sheraton bureau and book-case, gifts from an appreciative medical and nursing staff, who with a whole troop of friends unite in hoping that complete rest and change for a time will re-invigorate this able lady and fit her to take up some work—perhaps that of nursing organisation in Scotland—at no distant date. Miss Sandford holds the honourable position of Vice-President for Scotland in the International Council of Nurses. May we meet her, bright and cheery, as she has ever been, at our coming Conference at Berlin.

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### The Passing Bell.

The death took place on Saturday week of Miss Barbara Fleming, late Matron of the District Hospital, Turriff. The deceased lady was a daughter of Mr. William Fleming, late of Kinnermont, Turriff, and qualified as a nurse in the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen. At the close of her training she was appointed to the hospital at Smyrna, where she remained for ten years. On her return home, about six years ago, she was appointed Matron of Turriff Hospital, and this office she held until last year, when, in consequence of failing health, she had to resign. Miss Fleming was a devoted nurse and Matron, and the news of her death will be heard with deep regret, and particularly by many friends in the Turriff district.

She was laid to rest with every token of respect due to one whose life had been spent in the service of the sick and suffering.

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