

plan is adopted when the night and day nurses change duty. Their time off is one half-day a week, and church leave once in two weeks. The wards are not large, being built to accommodate two to four patients only. The young nurses are given charge of a room, and work under the supervision of the Matron and the doctors. Each pupil supplies her own uniform.

This, however, is the beginning of a better training for nurses in Switzerland, and all honour to the earnest women who have inaugurated this good work, which will mean so much added comfort to the sick in the future.

Wedding Bells.

An interesting marriage was solemnised at All Souls' Church, Willesden, last Saturday, when Miss Helen Ferrer, a member of the staff of the Abbey Nursing Institute, was married to Mr. W. Wall.

The bride was given away by the Matron of the Institute, Miss E. H. Bartlett, and a nurse friend acted as bridesmaid. The front seats in the church were filled by nurses from the Institute, who wore indoor uniform, the pale blue dresses giving a pretty touch of colour to the scene.

After the wedding breakfast, which took place at the Nursing Institute, the bride and bridegroom went off amid showers of confetti.

The bride's travelling costume was of blue hopsack, the vest being white satin, and her hat of the same shade as the dress.

The presents were numerous, including many from former patients. The gift of the Matron and nurses of the Institute was an afternoon-tea kettle and spirit lamp for the table.

Miss Ferrer was trained at the Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury, and subsequently worked, both as a private nurse and as a Queen's Nurse, in connection with the Nurses' Institute, Rivers' Street, Bath. For several years past she has been a member of the staff of the Abbey Nursing Institute.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., an interesting ceremony took place at Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow, when Sister Jean Ronaldson Singer was united in marriage to Captain George Dixon.

The marriage was solemnised by the Rev. J. Dickie, assisted by the Rev. E. Hall, chaplain to the hospital, in presence of the medical staff, the ward Sisters, and the nurses in Sister Singer's ward.

Dr. Johnston, Principal Medical Officer, gave the bride away. Tea was provided for the guests by Miss Adams, Matron, in whose drawing-room the marriage took place.

The happy couple left for their honeymoon, amidst showers of rice and confetti, bearing with them the good wishes of the whole staff.

The International Council of Nurses.

We are pleased to report that during the past week many replies have been received from ladies invited to take part in the meeting of the International Council of Nurses in Berlin. There are hopes that Miss McGahey (Australia), Miss Snively (Canada), Miss C. R. Mill (India), Miss Huxley (Ireland), Miss Sandford (Scotland), and many English, American, German, and Dutch Matrons and nurses will be present to speak on nursing work.

Mrs. Neill will send first-hand information of the working of State Registration and the condition of nursing education in New Zealand, and from France and Italy papers have been promised to be presented—personally we hope; if not, to be read by proxy.

Miss J. C. Child, Lady Superintendent of the New Somerset Hospital, Cape Town, has accepted the office of Vice-President of the International Council of Nurses for South Africa, and will, with the help of Dr. Moffat, the able medical superintendent, send us much useful information of nursing affairs in the South African colonies. Her recent appointment will prevent her being with us in Berlin.

Miss Isla Stewart, Vice-President for England, will send out invitations at an early date to representatives of Leagues and Associations of Nurses to meet her in conference in London on the important question of "How to Organise a National Council of Nurses with a View to International Affiliation." Already societies number nearly 2,000 nurses are in favour of making a start, so that there is every hope that the matter will receive intelligent consideration.

The British Medical Association and Registration.

The Medico-Political Committee of the British Medical Association have referred to the Emergency Sub-Committee the Bill prepared by the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, and the Synopsis of a Bill prepared by the Royal British Nurses' Association, to consider and report thereon to the next meeting of the Committee.

The Passing Bell.

We regret to record the death of Miss Maud Stevenson, a nurse at the Sunderland Borough Hospital at Ryhope, who, while cycling recently, came into collision with an electric tram, and received injuries which caused her death.

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