

The Passing Bell.

The death has occurred, under distressing circumstances, of Miss Susan Mary Adams, who was recently appointed Matron of Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge. On Sunday morning she cycled to Oakington, a neighbouring village, and left her machine at the house of a villager. Later she was found sitting against a tree, life being extinct.

It was proved at the inquest that the unfortunate lady, depressed by pressure of work and the responsibilities of her position, ended her life by the agency of prussic acid. The Matronship of Addenbrooke's Hospital is an onerous position, and it is to be regretted that from amongst the excellent candidates for the position when Miss Adams was recently appointed, the choice of the authorities did not fall upon one who had already had experience as a Matron. Miss Adams had not, and was crushed by the responsibilities which devolved upon her.

We regret to record the death of Miss Reed, an Army Nursing Reserve Sister, who has been working at the Military Hospital, Canterbury, where she was much liked and respected. Miss Reed contracted enteric fever, and unfortunately succumbed to the disease.

Legal Matters.

NURSE CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

Yet another woman stated to be a nurse, Charlotte Broughton by name, has appeared in the dock, this time at the Marylebone Police Court, where she was charged with forging and uttering a worthless cheque on Lloyd's Bank, Ltd., and obtaining £4 from Fredk. Hutchinson, assistant to George Carter, grocer, of 112, Seymour Place, Marylebone.

According to the evidence, the prisoner with a niece went to the prosecutor's shop on March 11th, and asked to have a cheque for £4 cashed. Hutchinson knew the niece, and, believing the prisoner to be a respectable woman, he handed her £4. The cheque was paid into the bank and was returned marked "Forgery." He communicated with the police.

Detective Carlin told the magistrate the prisoner was known to the police. He should be able to show that she absconded from a nurse's position at Broadstairs in January last, and after she had gone, jewellery, clothing, and a cheque book were missed. The cheque in question formed part of the missing book.—The accused was remanded.

An organised series of Demonstrations on Medical and Surgical Nursing is being arranged for the students of the London Hospital, and demonstrations will be held in the wards towards the end of each three months' term of clinical clerking and dressing. We heartily congratulate the students at the London Hospital that so important a course has been arranged for their benefit.

Nursing Echoes.

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The Chairman and Treasurer of the Brighton Branch of the Queen's Nurses' Association sent a request to the Brighton Guardians, at their meeting, last week, asking them to consider the question of granting a larger annual subscription to the Association. They pointed out that in many other towns the annual contributions made by Guardians to the local Queen's Nurses' Association was considerably larger than in Brighton; among them being:—Blackburn, £100; Bolton, £105; Cardiff, £63; and Gloucester £150. During 1904 a total of 41 out door Poor-Law patients in Brighton were attended, the number of visits paid to them by the nurses being 1,168. The Rev. A. R. C. Cocks, in moving that the subscription be increased from £25 to £40 per annum, submitted that there could be no greater relief given to the poor in time of sickness than good nursing. The Guardians had done a great deal for the indoor poor in the matter of providing a good nursing staff, and by increasing this subscription they would be placing the work of the Nursing Association on a stronger footing. Other Guardians spoke in opposition to the motion, which was ultimately defeated.

Brighton is earning for itself an unenviable reputation for lack of sympathy with its sick poor. Many of the institutions are very badly supported, and if it was not for a few most generous givers to charity, would have to close their doors. And yet the luxury and self-indulgence of many residents is always apparent on the front.

At a recent meeting of the Windsor Guardians the Infirmary Committee reported that the specialist's fee for attending upon one of the nurses in their Infirmary, who had undergone an operation, was 20 guineas, and they recommended that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to pay the same. The Guardians decided to act on the Committee's recommendation. It was stated that the usual fee was from 50 guineas to 100 guineas.

We have never before heard of a fee being charged for operating upon a nurse in a rate-supported or charitable institution. We presume this must have been a case of great emergency, as a nurse can always receive the best medical attention free in a general

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