

Nursing Echoes.

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There have been various changes lately in the higher posts in the nursing staff at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Miss A. Bryant, the latest gold medallist, Miss Lush, and Miss Fennings have been appointed Night Superintendents, Miss Edwards has resigned her post of Day Superintendent and left the hospital, in consequence of her approaching marriage, Miss Styles has resigned her appointment as Sister in Rahere Ward, and Miss Carver has succeeded to the post thus vacated.

Dr. W. S. A. Griffith speaking on the Teaching of Obstetrics at the Meeting of the British Medical Association at Toronto, said: "I am convinced that it is of the greatest advantage to teachers and pupils that medical students be taught their duties at the same time and place as monthly nurses and midwives. If taught separately, the average student learns little of the many things every nurse knows well, and the nurse of a few months' training thinks she knows a great deal more than the doctor, and does not realise the wide gulf that separates her knowledge and practice from that of the properly-trained doctor.

"Both student and nurse will in the wards have been taught together how to carry out their respective duties in the best manner, with all the appliances and assistance which can be provided there, and in passing from the wards to the out-patient department they will learn how to carry out those principles in the simplest manner, and often enough with little to assist their wits and their fingers in dealing with the lesser emergencies which they will meet with."

Miss E. J. Atkins, who for four years has been Matron of the Royal Portsmouth Hospital, and who has been appointed to the position of Lady Superintendent of the new infirmary for children shortly to be opened in Liverpool, has been presented by the sisters and nurses with a silver tea service of antique design, and by the

domestic staff with a silver-mounted oak salad bowl and servers, as tokens of affection and esteem. Miss Atkins has been much gratified by the many kind expressions of regret at her departure.

The Board of Managers of the Swansea General and Eye Hospital have placed on record their great regret at the resignation of the Matron, Miss Prudence Crispin, and have expressed every good wish for her future happiness. The resignation takes effect on November 15th.

Two weeks ago we reported the prompt action of the nurses at a fire at the Throne Hospital, Belfast. Similarly at an alarming fire which occurred at the General Hospital, Northampton, the nurses of that institution have proved themselves resourceful and cool-headed in emergency. The outbreak was discovered by one of the patients, who drew a nurse's attention to a volume of smoke issuing from the roof. The alarm bell was rung, and the whole hospital staff, including doctors, nurses, porters, and maids, ran to their appointed fire stations.

While the house - surgeon, Dr. Clarke, attacked with a hose the fire in a garret from which dense smoke and flames were issuing, the nurses having received orders to remove the patients to a place of greater safety quietly and methodically proceeded with their work, carrying the majority of cases down an outside iron staircase. On the arrival of the fire brigade the fire was got under in about an hour and a-half. Fortunately, none of the patients seemed the worse for the alarming experience.

The Brentford District Council have referred to a Special Council Meeting for full investigation a charge of grave neglect on the part of officials at their Isolation Hospital made by Mr. F. C. Schubert, three of whose children were taken to the hospital. Mr. Schubert wrote to the Council:—

I feel compelled to draw your attention to what I call negligence, or rather a scandal, at the Brentford Isolation Hospital, and I am sending a complaint to the Local Government Board.

On May 19th last my eldest daughter was taken to the hospital with scarlet fever. On July 3rd she was discharged as cured and properly disinfected, whereas on July 11th my other two little children were taken from home with the fever. . . . She came home with a large blister on her heel, which peeled off after it got dry.

I called in a private doctor to my other two little

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