

- 2016 Miss E. Ulma Thomas, cert., County Hosp., Durham, *Matron*, City Sanatorium, Peterborough.
- 2017 Miss K. E. Barlow, cert., Royal Inf., Oldham, *Supt.* District Nurses' Home, Leeds.
- 2018 Miss M. Schreiber, cert., Leeds Union Inf.
- 2019 Miss May Ryan, cert., Royal City of Dublin Hosp.
- 2020 Miss A. E. Lyall, trained, St. Thomas's Hosp.
- 2021 Miss K. A. Grimby, cert., St. Mary's Hosp., Paddington.
- 2022 Miss E. M. Epps, cert., Radcliffe Inf., Oxford.
- 2023 Miss A. E. Ball, cert., Mill Road Inf., Liverpool.
- 2024 Miss F. H. Redford, cert., Royal Inf., Edinburgh.
- 2025 Miss J. Thomas, cert., Royal Inf., Edinburgh, *Matron*, City Hosp., Edinburgh.
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- 2027 Miss A. L. Burkill, cert., Royal Inf., Manchester.
- 2028 Miss C. A. Cooling, cert., Hosp. for Women, Birmingham, Glasgow Maternity.
- 2029 Miss A. Henderson, cert., Glasgow Training Home for Nurses.
- 2030 Miss H. C. Hutton, trained, Royal Inf., Edinburgh.
- 2031 Miss J. Galloway, cert., Royal Inf., Edinburgh.
- 2032 Miss A. M. Patchell, cert., Kingston Inf.
- 2033 Miss E. E. Hunter, cert., University College Hosp.
- 2034 Miss C. B. Davis, cert.; Northern Hospital, Liverpool.
- 2035 Miss J. Riley, cert., Royal Hosp., Salford.
- 2036 Miss E. Holland, cert., Crumpsall Inf.
- 2037 Miss M. E. Ascroft, cert., Royal Inf., Liverpool.

The meeting then terminated.

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### Irish Nurses' Association.

A most interesting and instructive lecture on "Gastric Surgery and its Possibilities" was given to the members of the above Association on Friday evening, by R. Aitkinson Stoney, Esq., F.R.C.S., Visiting Surgeon to the Royal City of Dublin Hospital. There was a large attendance of members, who thoroughly appreciated the lecture. At its close Mrs. Kildare Treacy, the President, conveyed to the lecturer the hearty thanks of all present.

### The Modern Nursing Movement in France.

#### THE MAISON DE SANTÉ PROTESTANTE DE BORDEAUX.

There are Moments. Great moments fraught with important issues through which one would have wished to live.

I, for instance, should like to have been present on that fateful June day in 1900, when the slight figure of Anna Emelie Hamilton rose up before the critical Faculty of Medicine at Montpellier, and to have heard her read that wonderful Thesis for the M.D. degree. I wonder how many of the learned men present realised the value of the Thesis, on *The Nursing of the Sick*, as a social reform factor in France, or grasped that it was an epoch-making document, that touched every fibre of the national life of the people from the cradle to the grave. Not on the instant, perhaps, but they are beginning to realise it now, in a few short years the teaching of the Thesis has had something of the same extraordinary influence in France which the works of Florence Nightingale had in England half a century ago.

In 1901 Dr. Anna Hamilton was appointed resident medical officer at the *Maison de Santé Protestante* at Bordeaux, and upon the retirement of Mme. Momméja, she succeeded her as *Directrice*. Then began her real work, the reorganisation of the Nursing School in connection with the institution, which in a few short years has made it a model of efficiency, and a training school from which have gone forth many women, admirably trained and equipped as *Matrons* and *Sisters*, carrying far and wide the thorough knowledge and skill gained at Bordeaux in an ever widening circle.

Thus only time is needed to demonstrate the fact that the Thesis was, and will for ever remain, the most important factor in the history of the reorganisation of Nursing in France.

It was exhaustively reviewed in this Journal in 1901, since which time I have watched with the deepest respect and interest the evolution of the Nursing School at Bordeaux, the historic city in the Midi, under Dr. Anna Hamilton's superintendence, and during a recent visit to France nothing gave me greater pleasure than a visit to the *Maison de Santé*.

Owing to a variety of reasons (chiefly temperamental and religious) hospitals in France and the nursing of the sick have been organised and conducted on a system quite foreign to our own, and new experiments in systems have, therefore, been tried, not in the large, State-aided, civil hospitals, but in private in-

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