

creed to the death. We seem to hear an echo from the past in a letter addressed to the Board of Managers of the Royal Infirmiry, Edinburgh, by the Rev. Jacob Primmer, enclosing a resolution passed at the Queen's Hall, Edinburgh, "resisting the attempt by the Papists to capture the Royal Infirmiry for Rome, and regretting that the Superintendent and the Lady Superintendent did not profess the National religion of Scotland, being members of the Scottish Episcopal Church." The Chairman, Lord Salvesen, said that so far as the Managers were concerned no preference had been given to any Church or creed, as they never inquired into the religion of their candidates. The Board acceded to the suggestion of the Chairman that a communication should be sent to Mr. Primmer to the effect that the insinuation that any attempt was being made by Roman Catholics to capture the Royal Infirmiry was entirely without foundation.

The best evidence of the value of the work of Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association, which provides nurses for private cases, is that cases have to be refused because all the nurses are out at work. The staff now consists of a Chief Lady Superintendent, seven Lady Superintendents in charge of branches in the Punjab, United Provinces, Eastern Bengal and Assam, Rajputana, Burma, Beluchistan, and Lower Bengal, and forty-two Nursing Sisters. Considering the magnitude of India, however, we must realise that this number is most inadequate to meet the need. We are not surprised that the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Crowe, states that expansion is sorely needed, and that the Home Branch is appealing for further financial help, especially to those who have relations and friends in India. The cost of sending out a nurse is £75. Subscriptions or donations will be gladly received by the Hon. Treasurer, Col. Sir W. Bisset, 91, York Street, Westminster, the Hon. Secretary at 99, Sloane Street, or Messrs. H. S. King and Co., 65, Cornhill.

"A Happy New Year, from St. George's Hospital, Bombay, India," is the message which was recently dropped into the editorial letter box. From the account of the Christmas festivities which accompanied the message nurses and patients in this hospital must have had a busy and happy time, all the old customs being observed, including the singing of carols in the corridors on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Day was the patients' day, and on the evening of December 26th Miss C. R. Mill, the Lady Superintendent, Sisters, and day nurses dined together at one long table in the nurses' quarters; the night nurses having

dined previously. The decorations were beautiful, and the sight, as the party sat down to dinner, was a very pretty one. The Physician in Charge, Lt.-Col. Collie, I.M.S., and Mrs. Collie; the Resident Surgeon, Capt. Novis, I.M.S., and Mrs. Novis; the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. P. Chrystal, and Mrs. Chrystal, dined with the nursing staff, and a very happy and merry evening was spent, games and music and snapdragon being afterwards greatly enjoyed, until the festivities came to a close with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King."

Royal Red Cross for the Queen of Italy.

The King has sent an autograph letter to the Queen of Italy, which was delivered by the English Ambassador, together with the insignia of the Order of the Royal Red Cross, conferred upon her Majesty for her work in the earthquake zone. Queen Elena thanked the Ambassador most gratefully, saying she considered the distinction conferred upon her as a new proof of the sympathy of England towards Italy.

The Passing Bell.

(COMMUNICATED.)

With deep regret we have to record the death of Miss Henrietta Frances Ingall, which took place at Lambourn, Berks, on January 27th, after an illness lasting three weeks, during which Miss Ingall bore great suffering, with unexampled patience and fine severe fortitude.

The second daughter of General Ingall, C.B., Miss Ingall, after taking up nursing as a serious profession in days when that profession was less generally popular than it has now become, was trained at the Winchester County Hospital. Afterwards she took up a position at the London Fever Hospital, Islington, becoming Matron two years later.

For twenty years she served the London Fever Hospital in that position with tireless energy and enthusiasm. Only two years ago she retired from active service to enjoy a well-earned but unhappily short rest.

To those who were her friends, Miss Ingall seemed to unite in a quite peculiar degree the charms of the gentlest womanliness with a most virile efficiency. She had, and exercised, that genius for friendship which is so rare and generous an attribute. Her sympathies were instant and real, and no one who came to her for help or advice came on a fruitless errand. A woman indeed for whose loss the world which came in contact with her is sensibly the poorer.

Last year a recognition which she very greatly valued came to her in the medal of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

The funeral took place at Lambourn on Friday, 29th January.

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