

extent their esteem and regard for their matron, everybody having subscribed a mite to assist in replacing her loss.

RESIGNATION.

Nurse Harbridge has resigned her work at Silsden, greatly to the regret of the Committee. In the hope of retaining her valuable services the Committee offered her three months' holiday in which to recuperate, but she felt compelled to decline the offer, feeling sure that her health would not be equal to the work of next winter. It was decided to raise a public testimonial in recognition of her strenuous and self-denying work for six and a-half years.

WEDDING BELLS.

Last week was celebrated the marriage of M. André Mesureur, Chef du Cabinet du Directeur de l'Assistance Publique à Paris, Professeur à l'École des Infirmières de la Salpêtrière, with Mme. Marguerite Rodanet, the daughter of M. Rodanet, the late Mayor of the Second Arrondissement of Paris, Commandeur de la Légion d'Honneur, Councillor of "Surveillance" of the Assistance Publique.

A marriage is arranged, and will shortly take place, between Lord Sandhurst, the Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and the Hon. Mrs. Armine Wodehouse, widow of the youngest son of the first Earl of Kimberley, and daughter of Matthew Arnold. During his short term of office at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Lord Sandhurst has made himself exceedingly popular, and his approaching marriage will excite many good wishes for the future happiness of himself and his bride.

The marriage of Mr. E. H. Good, who has but lately left the London Hospital to practice in Worthing, to Miss Alice Josephine Angus, formerly Sister Mellish, took place on Tuesday, June 1st, at Balerno.

THE PASSING BELL.

As we go to press, the sad news reaches us that Miss Mary Esther Jones, formerly Matron of the General Hospital, Birmingham, and President of its Nurses' League, passed away on June 6th at Morfa Nevin, after a long illness. Miss Jones, who retired in November of last year, will be much missed in the nursing world.

There has just died in Paris one who deserves to be remembered by nurses as one of the pioneer workers in nursing reform, Dr. Bourneville, founder and director of the Municipal Nursing Schools in Paris. Those nurses who were present at the International Nursing Conference in Paris, in 1907, will remember his venerable appearance on the platform, and the paper which he presented on "The Laicisation of the Paris Hospitals."

As an illustration of the difficulties met with in hospitals nursed by religious orders, Dr. Bourneville related that in 1862, at an operation, at l'Hôpital des Enfants-Malades, on a newly-born infant for imperforate anus, the Mother Superior, a woman of forty, put her hand before her eyes and turned away her head when passing the neces-

sary instruments, so that she might not see the genital organs of the baby.

It was this singular action which led Dr. Bourneville to consider the attitude of mind of the religious sister towards her work as a nurse. Was this the exception? Was it the rule? In 1877 he paid a visit to London with a deputation from the Municipal Council to study nursing methods in the Metropolis, and received all information from Miss Merryweather, of Westminster Hospital, as to the training in force there at that time. In December of the same year the Municipal Council of Paris decided to found schools of lay nurses.

Dr. Bourneville met with the usual difficulties of the pioneer. He struggled valiantly to produce a higher type of nurse, and all honour is due to him for his work. His name will always be revered by the nurses of a newer school, when modern methods and organisation have completed the work of which he laid the foundation.

Appointments.

MATRON.

Ledbury Cottage Hospital.—Miss C. M. Crawford has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, and has held the positions of Sister at the Grimsby and District Hospital, Night Superintendent at the Bolton Infirmary, Sister at the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester, and Matron of the Ross-on-Wye and the Ellesmere Cottage Hospitals.

Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Hospital.—Miss M. L. Whiffen has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, London.

Bigbold Cottage Hospital, Wick.—Miss Isabella Vass Fraser has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

ASSISTANT MATRONS.

Royal Edinburgh Asylum.—Miss Margaret S. Warrell and Miss Mary M. Thorburn have been appointed Assistant Matrons. Miss Warrell was trained and was Staff Nurse at the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen. She has since been Sister of the Cancer Wards at Longmore Hospital, Edinburgh, Assistant Matron at Stirling District Asylum, and Assistant Matron at Ayr District Asylum.

Miss Thorburn was trained at the City Fever Hospital and Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. She has also been Assistant Matron at Stirling District Asylum.

SISTER MIDWIFE.

Middlesex Hospital, London.—Miss Ellen Lander has been appointed Sister Midwife of the Maternity Wards. She was trained at the Middlesex Hospital and Queen Charlotte's Hospital. She has since done district nursing for the University College Hospital, and acted as Extern Midwife at the Middlesex Hospital.

CHARGE NURSES.

Birkenhead Union Workhouse Infirmary.—The following have been appointed Charge Nurses:—

Miss I. M. Turner. She was trained at the above Infirmary, and has been Staff Nurse.

Miss I. Winton. She was trained at the Union

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