

Shoreditch Infirmary, and of Nurse-Matron at the Hospital, Eastby, Yorkshire.

**Prescot Union Infirmary.**—Miss E. A. Sumner has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at Crumpsall Infirmary, Manchester, in which institution she has held the position of Assistant Matron.

#### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Miss Edith Body, Sister, is placed on retired pay on account of ill-health. Dated January 1st, 1909.

Miss Mabel E. Jacob, Staff Nurse, resigns her appointment; Dated January 6th, 1909.

The under-mentioned Staff Nurses resign their appointments, dated January 13th, 1909.—Miss Margaret E. Don and Miss Linda M. Draper.

The undermentioned Staff Nurses are confirmed in their appointments, their periods of provisional service having expired: Miss Elizabeth Cooke and Miss Ina D. Humphrey.

Miss Hilda Constance Johnston to be Staff Nurse (provisionally). Dated January 6th, 1909.

#### QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

*Transfers and Appointments.*—Miss Isabella N. Callaway to Kingston, Miss Lilian Coulson to Kettering, Miss Elizabeth Farquharson to Morecambe, Miss Jane Workman to Huddersfield.

#### THE PASSING BELL.

We greatly regret to record the death of Miss Elizabeth Mary Crayston, a nurse at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, under very sad circumstances. At a party at the Infirmary in which Nurse Crayston appeared as a were-wolf, her costume consisting of cotton wool, a spark flew out of the fire near which she was standing, and she was immediately enveloped in flames, and so seriously burnt that she died two days later. The Coroner at the subsequent inquest commended Miss Griffiths, one of the nurses, for her promptitude and courage in throwing a rug over Miss Crayston.

#### SWEDEN'S FIRST NURSING JOURNAL.

We cordially welcome the first number of the latest nursing paper, that of the Swedish nurses, *Svensk Sjukskötersketidning*, a monthly paper which has made its appearance in a dainty white and blue cover. The editor is Miss Estrid Rodhe, and she is assisted by an editorial committee of nurses and doctors. The paper is excellently printed, and contains much interesting information, including an article on the forthcoming International Congress of Nurses.

#### THE HOSPITAL FOR INVALID GENTLEWOMEN.

The Hospital for Invalid Gentlewomen must always have a warm place in the regard of trained nurses from the fact that Miss Florence Nightingale was at one time its Superintendent. The Home at 90, Harley Street, has for some time been too small for the demands upon it, and on Monday last the Duchess of Albany laid the foundation stone of the new hospital at 19, Lisson Grove, W.

## Nursing Echoes.



The Duchess of Sutherland has agreed to become President of the Highland Division of the Nursing Service of the Territorial Force, which embraces the 21 northern counties of Scotland. The nursing staff of the Highland Division was completed in December, and the following telegram was received on December 23rd from the

Secretary of the Advisory Council of the Nursing Service in London:—"Well done, Highland Division; first in the field."

The committee greatly appreciate the patriotic spirit displayed by the members of the nursing profession throughout the whole area of the Highland Division in coming forward in such numbers to offer their services to the 1st Scottish General Hospital, and thus giving the Highland Division the distinction of being the "first in the field" in Great Britain.

The Metropolitan Asylums Board had under consideration on Saturday last several matters of nursing interest. The first, a letter from the Local Government Board, containing a copy of a statement received by the President with regard to nurses employed in the hospitals of the Board, asking for the Managers' observations thereon. In this statement it was alleged that a custom which could not be evaded in the Board's institutions without unpleasant consequences was that the nurses should subscribe at Christmas for presents to the Matron, the Assistant Matron, the Ward Sister, and the Night Sister, as well as for tips to various servants, with the result that some of the nurses could not afford the expense of visiting their own friends at Christmas. A question on this matter had been asked in the House of Commons, and Mr. John Burns had promised that it should be discontinued forthwith. Another thing alleged in the above statement was that when the hospitals were slack the option was given to nurses of taking a compulsory holiday without pay or of losing their employment.

In the discussion which followed, Mr. W. Dennis said that the practice of subscribing for presents was most reprehensible. In regard to the second point, the number of the patients in the hospitals varied so much that it was impossible to employ as large a staff at one

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