

PRESENTATION.

In the Village Room, Hampsthwaite, recently, Nurse Ridsdale, who is leaving the parish for work in connection with the West Riding Nursing Association, was presented by Mrs. T. R. D. Wright on behalf of the subscribers with two silver-backed hair brushes and silver-mounted combs, a silver-backed hand mirror, with clothes brush to match, a silver button-hook, silver candlesticks, and silver travelling clock.

The Rev. H. J. Peck, who presided, read a letter from the Rev. S. R. Elliston, Killinghall Vicarage, Leeds, in which he said that it had been a real pleasure to collect the money for the present. The nurse's friends had been delighted to show in a tangible form how much they had valued her ministrations, and how grateful they were for all her kindness. If she had heard all the grateful words accompanying the gifts she would have valued them more than the gifts themselves.

THE PASSING BELL.

We regret to record the death of the Head Nurse at the Cholera Isolation Sheds at Rotterdam. At first it was reported she died of cholera, but later it was stated in the press she collapsed from over-work. Any way, her passing was splendid, and reflects glory on the profession she adorned.

At the monthly meeting of the Committee of the Cork Fever Hospital, Dr. Sutton, the Resident Medical Officer, reported the death of one of the Nurses—Miss Eva Morrissey. He said Nurse Eva had been a great favourite with the staff of the hospital, and they all felt her loss very much.

On the motion of Mr. O'Donovan, seconded by Mr. Cody, a vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of the late Miss Morrissey conveying the deep regret of the Committee at the early demise of so promising a young lady.

SICKNESS AMONGST SOLDIERS IN INDIA.

A return is published showing sickness and mortality from enteric fever, cholera, plague, and small-pox in the Native Army and among European troops in India from 1900 to 1908. Among British troops the ratio of deaths from enteric fever fell from 4.77 per 1,000 in 1900 to 2.74 in 1908 (or 2.76, including field forces). In the case of cholera the ratio fell from 1.45 to 1.10, plague from .02 to 0.1, and small-pox .05 to .03. Among native troops the ratio of deaths from enteric rose from .15 in 1900 to .59 in 1908. In the case of cholera the mortality ratio fell from 3.24 to .94, plague from .23 to .11, and small-pox .03 to .02.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONGRESS IN LONDON.

At the sixteenth International Medical Congress, just held at Budapest, close on 4,500 members met together in 21 sections. The meeting was a great success. At the final sitting of the Congress it was decided to address a telegram to King Edward notifying His Majesty of the acceptance of the invitation to hold the next Congress in London, and conveying to the King the most respectful thanks of the Congress.

Nursing Echoes.



It is notified from the War Office that existing vacancies for Staff Nurses in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service will be filled at once. Full particulars as to the conditions of service and forms of application for admission can be obtained by applying to the Secretary, War Office, Whitehall, or personally at the same address to the Matron-in-Chief, who will see candidates on Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

In Army Orders for September it is notified in amendment of the Regulations for the Nursing Service of the Territorial Force that the Matron-in-Chief will not be called up for duty in time of peace, but will be required to make herself acquainted with the organisation of the Service, and should be a member of the Advisory Council. She may be called up for duty on the embodiment of the Territorial Force. In the event of the Matron-in-Chief being called up, she will be on the staff at headquarters, and will be required to exercise general superintendence, to co-ordinate the administration of the nursing service in the various hospitals of the Territorial Force, and will be responsible for the general efficiency of the nursing service.

The August number of *The Queen's Nurses' Magazine* is more interesting than usual, and that is saying a great deal, as it is always soundly professional in tone, and thoroughly practical. This month it contains a portrait of Sister Agnes Karll, the newly-elected President of the I.C.N., and an admirable resumé of the Congress. Nurses will be specially interested in an open letter signed "Z.," which contains a full account of the Exhibition, and specially well done is that describing the District Nursing Section, which obtained the first prize.

The really fine address on "The Nurse as Citizen" made by Lady Helen Munro Ferguson, is given in full, and should be studied by every district nurse, and "News from the Houses of Parliament" is most instructive. A Prize of 5s. is offered for the best answers to the questions set in the Examination Paper for the Roll of Queen's Nurses on June 17th last. There is also much chatty news about district nursing branches in the United Kingdom.

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