

Paling, to Croxley Green, from Ardwick Home, Manchester; Miss Mary Roberts, to Brighton; Miss Elleen E. Smith, to St. Austell; Mrs. Kate L. Stuart, to Langton Green; Miss Kate E. G. Taylor, to Watford Training Home, as Superintendent, from Cheltenham; Miss Winifred E. Thomas, to Porth; Miss Florence H. Wheelwright, to Cullingworth.

#### PRESENTATION OF MEDALS.

At the opening of the new session of the Medical School at Middlesex Hospital, W., on Friday, October 1st, Mrs. Shackleton handed to Nurse Gillam the gold medal, to Nurse May Phillips the silver medal, and to Nurse Hardy the bronze medal for distinguished service during the year, the medals being founded in memory of the late Mr. E. A. Fardon, Resident Medical Officer for more than 30 years.

#### MEDALS FOR CANINE NURSES.

In the Pillar Hall at Olympia, on the 29th ult., Miss Mackenzie, in the absence of Viscountess Helmsley, presented the gold and silver medals won by nurses of the Canine Nurses' Institute at the examination held by Mr. A. Cornish Bowden, M.R.C.V.S. The gold medal was won by Miss Ione Wilkinson, and the silver medals by Misses Maud Abbott and Tranter, and a special prize was awarded to Miss May Shove, whose paper received the highest honourable mention.

#### THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

Under the authority of the above Institute, a course of thirteen lectures for intending Health Visitors and School Nurses has been arranged. The course will include Elementary Anatomy, Physiology, Home Nursing, the Care of Infants and Young Children, School Sanitation, Infectious Diseases, and Domestic and Public Hygiene. The lectures will be illustrated by diagrams and models, and practical demonstrations will also be given. The fee for the course is £1. 1s., payable in advance. An examination will be held at the close of the lectures, and certificates of proficiency granted. The lectures will be given in the Lecture Room of the Institute, 37, Russell Square, W.C., on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 a.m., beginning Tuesday, October 19th. Those wishing to attend the lectures are requested to send their names to the Hon. Secretary.

#### TRAINED NURSES' ANNUITY FUND.

Disabled nurses desirous of applying for annuities to the above Fund are asked to note that the latest date for applying for forms is October 18th, and that all forms must be returned to the Hon. Secretary, Dr. Ogier Ward, at the Office of the Fund, 73, Cheapside, not later than October 31st.

#### GOOD-BYE TO SISTER ELSIE MANWARING.

On Wednesday evening, September 29th, a very homely little "At Home" formed a pleasant interlude in the strenuous lives of the Nursing Staff at the Prince of Wales's Hospital, Tottenham, N.

The Matron's invitation card bore the word "Postcards" in one corner, the meaning of which rather exercised the minds of the recipients until they found that each guest was presented with one

of Tuck's puzzle postcards, when a lively contest ensued as to who could put hers together in the shortest time. The nurses' large green-toned sitting-room, bright with flowers and decorations, formed a pretty setting for the lilac uniforms of the staff, who were really gathered together to say farewell to one of their number, Sister Elsie Manwaring, for many years Sister of the Children's Ward, and nine and a half years resident in the hospital. Amidst many regrets from all who had known and loved her so long, she was leaving for the foreign mission field in connection with the C.M.S. to carry into some remote corner of the earth all her nursing skill and knowledge where it is so badly needed. By the nursing staff she was presented with a most useful midwifery bag, and by the Matron, with a not less useful tea basket. Mr. F. W. Drewett, Director of the hospital, and the Rev. H. O. Allbrook, the Chaplain, were present, while the Governors were represented by the Rev. F. Rice, Vicar of St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, and the Honorary Staff by the nephew of the Matron, Dr. G. Norman Meachen, whose services as a pianist were in great request. Miss H. Y. Richardson, Secretary of the Nurses' Missionary League, was also able to be there, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, day and night nurses taking turns in relieving one another in the wards, so that all could be present for a time. Some of the nurses gave an excellent rendering of their "Toy Symphony," which had proved such a success in bringing in money at the nurses' recent sale of work last June.

#### THE PASSING BELL.

Many nurses will learn with deep regret of the death of Sir Thomas Smith, Bart., K.C.V.O., Consulting Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital. In the scientific world he was in the foremost rank as a brilliant operator, as an eloquent, humorous, and witty lecturer and teacher. By nurses he will chiefly be remembered as a great humanitarian, who treated his patients not as cases only but as fellow creatures, and whose entry into his wards was a daily source of pleasure. The dull routine of the hospital diet was varied by him whenever possible, and tea in his wards was a cosy meal. "What would you like for tea, Dicky?" he once said to a little child suffering from hip joint disease. "A boiled egg or creases?" Dicky plumped for "creases," and the watercress which forthwith went down on his head board coaxed down many a piece of uninteresting bread of butter. Sir Thomas greatly enjoyed the joke when, on asking a patient what his father's occupation was, he received the reply: "He makes Tom Smith's crackers, sir." He was always appreciative of the work of nurses, and if a bandage was specially well applied would ask whose work it was, and a word of kindly commendation would follow. If he found a young nurse in charge of a ward in the absence of the sister he would take special pains to put her at her ease. Lastly, when a patient passed from his care in the wards it by no means followed that he passed from his kindly aid. His unostentatious charity, only known to the few, was large, and many have reason to be grateful for his liberality.

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