

sent absolute power over their nursing staff is a commercial asset which we estimate brings into the coffers of the London Hospital not less than an annual profit of £10,000.

Miss B. M. Broadwood, the "Director" of the Cottage Benefit Nursing Association, in a speech through which we hear the jangle of the jailer's keys, had the impertinence to propose that the trained nurses of this country (including many highly educated women, inspired with the highest ideals), should be compelled to take out a licence, to be backed annually by at least two medical men and one other person. A more intolerable proposition, or more demoralising to discipline, could not possibly be propounded.

The Countess of Ancaster, who occupied the chair, said they all realised the danger of State Registration, and hoped some satisfactory remedy might be found. Mr. Holland had rather obscured the hospital training and experience which would be necessary before a nurse could present herself for examination.

We are glad that the *British Medical Journal* exposes the fallacies of Mr. Holland's argument, and shows that personal character and natural capacity are valueless in technical connections unless backed by corresponding technical knowledge; that nothing but the imposition of a definite curriculum, and a register of qualified nurses will put a stop to the present unsatisfactory conditions, and "it is because the medical profession recognises this that resolutions in favour of nurses' registration have been adopted by the British Medical Association."

THE PASSING BELL.

We regret to record the death of Miss Jane Evans, a nurse at Highfield Infirmary, Knotty Ash, whilst chloroform was being administered for the extraction of some teeth. A week before ether was administered with the same object, but as the deceased nurse did not take it well, it was decided that chloroform should be employed. Before she was under the influence of the drug the nurse collapsed. At the subsequent inquest the relatives stated that they were satisfied the chloroform was skilfully administered, and the jury returned a verdict to this effect, stating that the death was due to heart failure.

LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

NEW MEMBERS.

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee, Miss L. M. Low, Miss L. C. Cole, and Miss E. G. Thompson were elected members of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.

Appointments.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

Brompton Hospital for Consumption, Fulham Rd., S.W.—Miss MacNab has been appointed Lady Superintendent. She was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, where she has held the position of Sister.

Skin Hospital, Pembroke Place, Liverpool.—Miss Maud M. Tipper has been appointed Lady Superintendent. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Alexandra Hospital, Coatbridge, and the Brook Hospital, Shooters' Hall; Sister at the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow; and Assistant Matron at the Stirling District Asylum, Larbert, N.B.

MATRONS.

Kidderminster Infirmary.—Miss S. A. McFarlane has been appointed Matron of the Kidderminster Infirmary. She was trained at the General Hospital, Birmingham, and has had two years' experience in infectious nursing at the South-Eastern Hospital, New Cross. She has also been Sister in a surgical ward, in the casualty and out-patient department, Night Superintendent, Home Sister, and Assistant Matron at the General Hospital, Birmingham.

Homœopathic Hospital, Southport.—Miss Juliet Dicken has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C., where she has been Theatre Sister. She has also been Matron at the Homœopathic Convalescent Home, Eastbourne.

Samuel Lewis Seaside Convalescent Home, Walton-on-the-Naze.—Miss Eleanor C. Vernet has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Middlesex Hospital, and has held the positions of Ward Sister, and of Lady Superintendent at the National Hospital for Paralysis and Epilepsy, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, and of Matron of the Middlesex Hospital, W.

Cottage Hospital, Berwick-on-Tweed.—Miss Jane H. Kinross has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

Victoria Nursing Institute and Cottage Hospital, Welshpool.—Miss E. Linton has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Hospital, Burton-on-Trent, and has held the positions of Sister at the Birmingham Ear and Throat Hospital, of Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Liskeard, and of the Cottage Hospital, Cockermouth. She has also had experience of private nursing.

Dundee Sick Poor Nursing Society.—Miss Margaret Smith Milne has been appointed to the post of Matron of the Caird Home by the Committee of Management. Miss Milne was trained at the Dundee Royal Infirmary, 1893-1896, and subsequently acted as a Sister in that Institution for a period of nearly four years. Having gone out to South Africa in the year 1900 on the staff of the Imperial Yeomanry Hospital at Pretoria, she served there for two and a half years. Returning again to South Africa in 1905, she was stationed first at Pietermaritzburg and subsequently at Petchefstroom. Having qualified in the interval as a Jubilee Nurse, she joined the Queen Victoria Jubilee Nurses' Institute in Edinburgh as a Senior Nurse on her return from South Africa in 1909.

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