

A Pioneer Worker.

We briefly announced last week the death of Miss Helen Ligertwood, for eight years Lady Superintendent of the Kent Nursing Institution, West Malling, which will come as a great sorrow to her many friends and former nurses. The funeral took place on Wednesday in last week at the Cemetery, Harrow, and amongst those present were Mr. A. Edmond (a brother-in-law), Miss Clay (representing Colonel Thomas Ligertwood, M.D., C.B., a cousin), Miss A. Kelly, Lady Superintendent of the Kent Nursing Institution, West Malling, and the following nurses:—Miss M. L. Piggott, Miss E. Gisby, Miss C. Tunaley, Miss E. Bailey, Miss E. Dinnie, Miss M. MacIntosh, and Mrs. S. G. Lidyard, R.N.S.

Flowers were sent by Miss A. Ligertwood (sister), Dr. Ligertwood, Mr. A. Edmond, Lady Isobel Bligh, the Hon. Mrs. Dale, Miss Timins, the Lady Superintendent and Staff of the Kent Nursing Institution, West Malling, Miss Russell, Lady Superintendent of the Nursing Sisters' Institution, Devonshire Square, E.C.; Nurses Tunaley, Gisby, Dinnie, Leddy, Broughton, and S. G. Lidyard; and Mrs. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Bolter, and Little Margery.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Percy Stowers, M.A.

Since she left West Malling, in 1902, on account of failing health, and went to live at Harrow, Miss Ligertwood has been most devotedly cared for by Miss Catherine Tunaley, one of her former nurses at West Malling, who has done everything possible for her care and comfort.

Nurses who obtain their hospital training at the present day, when nursing is a desirable calling for girls to enter, can scarcely realise what it meant to adopt it in the seventies, and early eighties. Grit, determination, and high purpose were all needed to meet the opposition of relatives, the disapproval of friends, and the conditions encountered on entering the hospitals. Let us keep fragrant the names of those who, like Miss Ligertwood, have helped by their personality and work to lay the foundations of our profession.

Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses.

EXAMINATION PAPER.

The following is the paper set in the examination for the Roll of Queen's Nurses, March 10th, 1910:

1. What precautions would you take if a case of typhoid had to be nursed in a poor home with regard to

- (a) The patient.
- (b) Other members of the household.
- (c) Yourself.

2. How may ophthalmia neonatorum be caused, and describe in detail the ways in which a nurse can assist in its prevention or cure?

3. What is the essential object of all cooking processes? Explain the changes which bread and meat respectively undergo when baked.

4. Which clauses in the "Children's Act" affect district nursing specially? Or

4a. What is the difference between school nursing and school inspection? Can both, or either, be combined with a district nurse's work? Or

4b. Give some illustrations of the work of charitable agencies with which you are familiar for the relief of poverty and distress.

5. (a) What measures are employed to prevent sewer gas from escaping into a house through the water closet?

(b) How can the drains of a house be tested to discover

whether they are in good order or not?

6. How would you give a vaginal douche to a district case? Give reasons for the methods you would adopt. What are the purposes of such a douche?

Questions 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 must all be answered. Questions 4, 4a, and 4b are alternative; one only of these must be answered.

N.B.—Three hours is allowed for the examination.

It is evident that a very practical knowledge of the conditions they will have to meet in their work is expected of Queen's Nurses.



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