

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL NAVAL NURSING SERVICE.

Miss N. Courtice has been appointed a Nursing Sister in Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Postings and Transfers.—*Sisters:* Miss M. O'C. McCreery, to Military Hosp., Gibraltar. *Staff Nurses:* Miss J. D. C. McPherson, to Mil. Hosp., Tidworth; Miss E. S. Killery, to The Alexandra Hosp., Cosham; Miss E. Lowe, to Cambridge Hosp., Aldershot; Miss E. G. Barrett, to T.S. Plassy, for duty; Miss A. S. Siddons, to T.S. Plassy, for duty; Miss S. W. Wooler, to T.S. Plassy, for duty.

THE LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

The following nurses have been recommended by the Education Committee for appointment on a year's probation as School Nurses under the London County Council:—Miss Hilda May Brown Ayliff, Miss Dora Gertrude Badger, Miss Emily Georgina Barnes, Miss Ellen Florence Brownsdon, Miss Florence Mary Edwards, Miss Helen Forbes, Miss Florence Gane, Miss Nellie Hancock, Miss Daisy Fanny Hedgcock, Miss Harriet Hunt, Miss Beatrice Esther Burgess Mason, Miss Margaret Christine Munro, Miss Patricia Florence May Smallcombe, Miss Louisa Adelaide Smithers, Miss Mabel Sparrow, and Miss Janet Welsh.

The Hemel Hempstead Tragedy.

We are not surprised that Mr. H. Dixon Kimber, the solicitor who so successfully conducted the defence of Nurse Bellamy at the Hertford Assizes, takes exception to "the very serious reflections cast upon her by the Local Government Board" in a letter to the *Times* in reply to a Memorial of the Workhouse Nursing Association.

The letter states that "Nurse Bellamy, in her evidence before the Justices, admitted that she was aware of the rules (governing the administration of baths), and it is much to be regretted they were not complied with."

Mr. Kimber points out that "if this means anything it means that Nurse Bellamy knowingly broke the rules, and that, inferentially, she is responsible for the deaths that recently occurred" at the Hemel Hempstead Infirmary.

The Grand Jury at the Hertford Assizes threw out the Bill against Nurse Bellamy, the Crown offered no evidence against her on the Coroner's Inquisition, and a Common Jury found her "Not Guilty." More complete exoneration could not be given in a Court of Law.

Mr. Kimber concludes by saying: "It is bad enough that young women of insufficient experience for the adequate discharge of responsibilities they will be called upon to assume should be put into such positions, but it is hideous to find that they are liable to be treated as Nurse Bellamy has been treated, and to be prosecuted for manslaughter if they fail to act in those positions with that judgment which can only be reasonably expected from persons with a scientific training."

Nursing Echoes.



The Editor offers her sincerest thanks for all the kind wishes and lovely cards sent to her during the Christmas Festival—many from readers unknown to her personally—but whose sympathy with the professional and social aims of this journal makes it possible to maintain one weekly journal in the press, devoted to the interests of trained nurses and the public they serve.

Many sentences are worth quotation:—"I wish I could help more." "I am buried in the country, where the higher aims set before me in your journal seem only an echo." "Anyone seems good enough to be called a nurse in these parts." "How I wish our Matron was not an 'anti'; it seems to cut us off from professional co-operation." "Since I joined the League I have learned how selfish is isolation, and to like many fellow nurses I disliked before." "I wish I were a ready writer to lighten your editorial burdens." "Thank you for the Congress—I believe I've 'growed' since then." "I am going abroad, but shall not be lonely; the Journal will keep me in touch with all at home."

From every country in touch with the International Council of Nurses came greetings in the happiest and most hopeful tone, which added greatly to our sense of satisfaction. They mean that now that the nurses of the world know somewhat of one another, and realise that the good work of one is for the benefit of all, there can be no going back. The place of whoever falls out of the ranks will be filled and well filled by those in faithful fellowship. The nursing profession has struck its roots down deep into the rich and nourishing soil of unity—leaf, blossom, and fruit will come in due season.

"The Chain of Friendship stretching far,
Links days that were with days that are."

One of the happiest signs of our times is the social fusion of rich and poor, which is nowhere made more manifest than in hospital at Christmas, and this year all over the Kingdom, and away in those glorious Dominions beyond the seas, the Golden Rule has prevailed. Nowhere can more happiness be concentrated in a limited space on Christmas Day than in hospital and infirmary wards, and in homes for suffering children.

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