

## RESIGNATIONS.

We regret that ill-health has obliged Miss E. C. Laurence, R.R.C., Matron of the Chelsea Hospital for Women, to resign her position. We hope that after a thorough rest her health may be restored.

It is reported that Miss Esther V. Hasson, the Superintendent of the Navy Nurse Corps of the United States, will resign the position at no distant date. Miss Hasson's term of office has been distinguished by much successful work for the improvement of the Service.

## PRESENTATIONS.

A pleasant ceremony took place at the office of the Chief Constable of Portsmouth (Mr. T. Davies) last week, when Mrs. Davies, on behalf of every constable in the Landport Division, presented a lady's handbag and umbrella to Miss Winifred Shirley, a nurse at the Borough Asylum, in recognition of services rendered by her to the police. On October 28th Constable Gould, in charge of a prisoner, was assaulted by a hostile crowd, chiefly hooligans, and knocked down, and the same fate befell Constable Dobedoe, who went to his assistance. Miss Shirley threw herself on the prisoner, exclaiming "You coward, you shall not hurt that policeman," and held him till the police had recovered themselves sufficiently to secure him.

The Chief Constable, who presided at the presentation ceremony, at which there was a large muster of inspectors, sergeants, and constables of the Landport Division, said they were assembled to pay honour to whom honour was due, and publicly thanked Miss Shirley for the assistance she had rendered to the police. She had acted very bravely in a cool and collected manner, and rendered the constables valuable help in time of need.

Police-Constable Gould said that the prisoner would have got away but for Miss Shirley's help, and she was badly mauled. For some days subsequently the police did not know to whom they were indebted, as Miss Shirley kept her identity secret.

Contrast this with the scenes which took place recently in London, when women of culture and refinement came into collision with the police when proceeding in an orderly and legal manner to the House of Commons as a deputation to the Prime Minister.

On the occasion of her retirement, after being for ten years on the staff at Mrs. Rose's Nursing Home, Aberdeen, Miss Peter was made the recipient of handsome presents. Mrs. Rose presented Miss Peter with a handsome gold bracelet in recognition of her valuable services, while the nurses on the staff at Cairnaqueen, the staff residence, presented her with an umbrella. Miss Peter, in acknowledging the gifts, referred to the good feeling which had always existed between herself and the other nurses during her long term of service.

## Nursing Echoes.



Canon E. E. Holmes, on Sunday afternoon last, gave a sequence of addresses to nurses in the Chapel of the Brompton Hospital for Consumption, kindly put at his disposal for the purpose. At the beginning of the service Canon Holmes gave messages to those present from both the Bishop of London, and the Bishop of Kensington. Throughout the service, which, including several hymns, lasted two hours, the greatest interest and attention were manifested, and the time went all too quickly. At its conclusion the Matron, Miss MacNab, most kindly invited everyone present to tea in the Nurses' Home, which is on the opposite side of the Fulham Road, connected with the hospital by a subway. Many Sisters and nurses took care of the guests, so that though such numbers were present all were quickly supplied with tea, and delicious bread and butter and cakes. Nurses are greatly indebted to Miss MacNab for arranging this service, and for her kind hospitality.

The second annual report of the Medical Officer to the Board of Education shows that the allegation that the routine work of a school medical officer is monotonous and uninspiring is unfounded; that, on the contrary, it opens up opportunities for scientific and practical ability to be found in few other regions of professional service. The point is interesting because the same allegation is sometimes made in regard to school nursing, nevertheless we believe it can with equal truth be asserted that the work of school nurses opens up opportunities of professional interest and public usefulness second to none. The total number of nurses in the service of the education authorities, in 152 areas, whose arrangements have been approved, is 289, and these numbers will no doubt greatly increase as the indispensability of the school nurse as a factor in raising the standard of national health is more and more appreciated.

An interesting ceremony, at which Princess Toussoun was present, took place last week at the Canine Institute, when Mrs. Mackenzie presented a gold medal, in memory of King Edward, and two silver medals to the nurses who were successful in a recent examination.

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