

"La Soignante."

We welcome the first number of *La Soignante*, the organ of *L'Association des anciennes élèves brevetées de l'École des Infirmières de l'Assistance Publique* (the Association of the certificated pupils of the Nursing School of the Assistance Publique), which has reached us, in a pretty pink cover lettered in mauve, and bearing a picture of the School, and its nurses' badge, in the same colour. It is to be published monthly, and to be written by members of the Association, and devoted exclusively to technical and professional questions.

On the first page appears a group of pupils of the School, and the portrait of Mlle. Germaine Parra, one of the first class of pupils, who was subsequently placed in charge of a children's pavilion, at Brevannes, of convalescents from infectious complaints. In the discharge of her duties she contracted typhus, having devotedly nursed a child suffering from the disease, and, in spite of every care, succumbed to it, to the sorrow of all who knew her. Her name is to be inscribed on the walls of the School as a testimony to the devotion exhibited by pupils of the School from the first, and as an example to generations of nurses yet to come.

As is natural, an article is devoted to the affairs of the Association, and to the place which the new Journal will fill in keeping its scattered members in touch with one another, and for the communication of their professional experiences. In a very sympathetic article reference is made to the death of Miss Isla Stewart, whose portrait is published. Comment is made on the stupefaction felt by everyone at the recent appointment of Miss Stewart's successor from a School which is content with a two years' term of training, while for many years the three years' standard has been in force at St. Bartholomew's. Our contemporary suggests that it is perhaps necessary to see in this unjust and unchivalrous condemnation—for it hits a woman who can no longer defend herself—the retaliation of her adversaries in the struggle for registration, for a State Diploma and professional control.

Of much interest is the constitution of the Association, and the list of the pupils certificated during the past year with the positions they hold.

The journal also records the marriage of the President of the Association, Mlle. Laurensen, who is now Mme. Sarrazin; and Mlle. Jehannin and Mlle. Arnal have respectively become Mme. Pagnan and Mme. Balmette. We wish *La Soignante* a very prosperous future.

Appointments.

SUPERINTENDENT OF NURSE TRAINING SCHOOLS.

Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, New York, U.S.A.—Miss Clara D. Noyes has been appointed to succeed Miss Goodrich as Superintendent of the Nurse Training Schools of Bellevue and the Allied Hospitals, New York. Miss Noyes is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, U.S.A., and has held positions as head of training schools in New England, her present position being that of Superintendent of the Nurse Training School at St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford, Mass. The appointment is regarded as an excellent one, as Miss Noyes' professional reputation ranks very high.

MATRONS.

Isolation Hospital, Catherine de Barnes, Solihull.—Miss Ada Copeland has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Boro' Infectious Hospital, Darlington, and the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and has held the positions of Nurse Matron, Great Ouseburn Rural District Isolation Hospital, 1904-1907, and Matron of the Tamworth Joint Isolation Hospital since 1907.

Torbay Hospital, Torquay.—Miss Mary F. Wallace has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, and has held the positions of Night Superintendent and Assistant Matron at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading.

ASSISTANT LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

Royal Infirmary, Liverpool.—Miss Jane Ainslie has been appointed Assistant Lady Superintendent and Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary for Sick Children, Edinburgh; and at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow; and has held the positions of Outpatient Sister, Night Superintendent, and Assistant Matron at the Leith Hospital.

SISTERS.

Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Maida Vale, W.—Miss Agnes F. Hampton has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, and has held the position of Sister at the West Ham Hospital, and of Night Sister at St. Mark's Hospital, City Road, E.C.

Royal Infirmary, Derby.—Miss Alice Lister has been appointed Sister in the Massage and Electrical Department. She was trained at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, and has held the position of Staff Nurse at the National Hospital, W.C., and has for a short time been Masseuse at the Royal Infirmary, Derby.

Miss Mary Holmes has also been appointed Sister in the same institution, where she received her training, and has since been a member of the private nursing staff.

General Infirmary, Macclesfield.—Miss C. E. Smith has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Children's Hospital, Pendlebury, and has held the position of Sister of the Children's Ward at the Royal County Hospital, Ryde, and has also been Staff Nurse at the Children's Hospital, Liverpool.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

Royal Infirmary, Derby.—Miss Evelyn L. Ward has been appointed Night Superintendent. She was trained at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and has held the position of Staff Nurse at the Poplar Hospital for Accidents, of Night Sister,

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