

Miss Michie hopes to sail on September 16th, and takes with her the good wishes of her many friends in England.

*Transfers and Appointments.*—Miss Margaret Milne, to Glossop, as Superintendent; Miss Mary Parkinson, to Wellington; Miss Florence Fidler, to Edensor; Miss Annie Hewitt, to Bath; Miss Mary Hutson, to Dartmouth.

#### PRESENTATION.

At the weekly meeting of the Marple Bridge Sick Nursing Society last week, Miss Walker, who is shortly to relinquish her post as District Nurse on account of her approaching marriage, was presented with a silver tea service, a purse of money, and an illuminated address, as follows:—"To Nurse Walker,—It is with feelings of very genuine regret that the committee of the Marple Bridge Sick Nursing Society have heard of your resignation of your post as District Nurse. Since you came to us nearly 12 years ago your unselfish and earnest devotion to your duties have endeared you to us all, and have been the means of bringing untold help and comfort to hundreds of troubled homes. You have been regarded not only as the nurse, but as the sympathetic friend of all in sickness. We congratulate you most heartily on the occasion of your approaching marriage, and ask you to accept the accompanying present as a small token of our sincere appreciation of your services, and with the best wishes for your future happiness of every member of the Sick Nursing Society."

The teapot bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Nurse Walker on her marriage, as a token of esteem. By the Committee of the Marple Bridge Sick Nursing Society, July 19th, 1910."

#### MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The following is the paper set at the Examination for the Nursing Certificate in May last:—

1. State the position, size and shape of the stomach. What are the symptoms of disorder of the stomach?
2. In what circumstances would you consider a loss of a stone in weight (a) important, (b) unimportant, as a sign of disease?
3. State the rules for bathing insane patients.
4. What is the fibula? With what bones is it connected? Describe the joints so formed.
5. What are the principal differences in structure between arteries and veins? What emergency treatment would you adopt in the case of severe venous bleeding arising from (a) ruptured varicose vein in the leg, (b) wound in the neck?
6. Give the reasons for refusal of food by the insane.
7. What bodily changes are frequently observed in severe cases of melancholia?
8. Describe the thorax and mention its contents, describing generally the position of the different organs with respect to one another.
9. Mention the different forms of insanity, and describe fully any case you have yourself observed.
10. What precautions would you take when in charge of a patient who was being transferred from one Asylum to another.

## Nursing Echoes.



—Miss A. C. Lowe, Secretary of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, has informed Dr. Holcroft that so long as the Hastings District Nursing Association supplies nurses to meet the wants of the working classes, and the necessitous poor are nursed free of charge, the Committee of the Institute see no objection to its providing a nurse for better class people who are not in a position to pay a private nurse, on payment of sums at least sufficient to defray her cost while so working. We regret that the Q.V.J.I. should sanction the regular employment of its nurses for payment; in our view this should only be done in case of emergency.

At the Annual Representative Meeting of the British Medical Association at the Guildhall on Monday last, a special set of model rules for inclusion in the rules of nursing associations which had been drawn up, was fully discussed. These rules have already been approved of and adopted by the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, and the terms were only modified in minor details. The most important of the rules as passed are as follows:—

The nurse, when requested in an emergency, may visit and render first aid to any person without awaiting instructions from a medical practitioner.

Should the advice to call in a medical practitioner be not acted upon, the nurse must at once leave and report the case to her secretary, and must not attend again except in case of fresh emergency.

Apart from her duties as a certified midwife, a nurse must on no account prescribe or administer on her own responsibility such drugs for her patients as should only be prescribed by a medical practitioner.

A nurse shall in no case attempt to influence a patient in the choice of a doctor or institution.

A note is added which advises that, in district nursing associations, all the medical practitioners in the district co-operate with the committee, and that in larger or county associations, delegates of the British Medical Association be invited to serve on the committee.

Under the heading, "You Would Hardly Believe It," in the *Nineteenth Century and After*, Lady Piggott deals with the care of the national health in Greater Britain through the Colonial Nursing Association. We agree with her that it is difficult now

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