

two nurses in Kashmir during the season should be continued. With the advent of the motor-cars, nurses can now be so speedily transported from Murree, the summer headquarters of the branch, that their location in Srinigar may no longer be deemed necessary."

The Home Committee reported that six nursing sisters were sent out at the beginning of the year and four more were selected in November. They further stated that a large number of nurses apply for vacancies when advertised, but only about one in ten are suitable. No nurse is accepted unless she has exceptional references from the Matrons under whom she has served, and even then those who have done excellent work at home do not always prove suitable for India. The Committee are now trying to get nurses who have had longer experience in private nursing.

#### REPORT OF THE CHIEF LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

Mrs. E. Davies, whose reports are always notable for their lucidity, is able to state that "at the close of another year the same familiar note of steady progress may again be struck, and that with no uncertain sound! During the past twelve months the Association has not only sent its roots deeper throughout a wider foundation, but it has also enlarged its sphere of operations, which now includes Northern and Central India as well as Burma. Mrs. Davies also refers to the departure of Lady Minto from India, and says that "her unflinching interest and kindly encouragement will be sorely missed by those who have looked to her lead in all difficulties."

On the subject of broken contracts the Chief Lady Superintendent writes:—"In the past four years ten of the nurses from home have broken their five years' contract, and after tendering their resignation have demanded the privileges due to those who abide by their agreement. Some of the former have expected to be granted the usual yearly holiday, with full salary and travelling allowance." To protect themselves from unjustifiable loss the Committee propose in the future to retain the first month's salary, or, if preferred by the nurse, half of the first and second months' salary.

## Presentation.

At the Swansea Hospital on Wednesday, March 1st, the medical, nursing, and secretarial staffs met together for the purpose of showing their regard for Miss Rees (Sister Penllergaer), and also their appreciation of her worth as a colleague, by presenting her with a solid silver James I. tea service, suitably engraved, on the occasion of her leaving the Swansea Hospital to take up the important duties of Matron of Llanelly Hospital. Sister Penllergaer, who goes away with the best wishes of her Swansea friends, has had charge of the men's medical ward for some years, where, by her kindness and anxiety for her patients, she has greatly endeared herself, and this was acknowledged in a very practical manner by the patients of her ward asking her acceptance of a pretty silver rose bowl. Miss Scovell, Matron of

the Swansea Hospital, also presented Miss Rees with a beautiful set of salts, and this, together with the other gifts, gave the recipient great pleasure. Miss Rees takes up her new duties this week, and is succeeding a former Sister of the Swansea Hospital.

## Appointments.

### MATRONS.

**Hospital for Incurables, Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—Miss E. Wilkes, who has been appointed Matron, was trained at the General Infirmary, Sunderland, and has since been Assistant Matron and Head Nurse at the Hospital for Incurables, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Matron of the Hospital for Incurable Children, Hampstead.

**Cottage Hospital, Thames Ditton.**—Miss Catherine McLean has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, subsequently holding the position of Sister in the Home for Paying Patients connected with that institution. She has also been Sister at the North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple, and at the West London Hospital, Hammersmith.

**The Hospital, Newington, South Africa.**—Miss Alice M. Williams has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Swansea General and Eye Hospital and the General Hospital, Bristol, and has held the position of Sister at the Swansea General Hospital, and of Theatre Sister and Assistant Matron at the Women's Hospital, Johannesburg. She is a certified midwife.

### NURSE MATRON.

**Infectious Diseases Hospital, Runcorn.**—Miss M. O'Neill has been appointed Nurse Matron. She was trained at the Union Infirmary, Belfast, and has done Matron's duties at the Infectious Hospital, Wrexham.

### SISTERS.

**Hospital of St. Cross, Rugby.**—Miss Constance L. Walter has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover, where she held the position of Sister in the Out-patient and Ophthalmic Departments. She has also held the position of Sister in the Out-patient Department of the Hospital, Gravesend.

### NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

**Royal Infirmary, Derby.**—Miss Margaret Page has been appointed Night Superintendent. She was trained in the same institution, where she has held the position of Sister.

### THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Grand Prior of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, has, amongst others, made the following appointment on the recommendation of the Chapter-General:—Lady Perrott, Lady of Justice of the Order, to be Lady-Superintendent-in-Chief of Nursing Corps and Divisions of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

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