

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

Transfers and Appointments.—Miss Lilian A. Ewens is appointed Superintendent at Kingston; Miss Mary Wills, to Radcliffe; Miss Kate O. Miers, to Louth; Miss Olive Carpenter, to Kensington.

UNIVERSITY HONOURS.

Amongst the distinguished recipients of the Honorary Degree of LL.D., at the Graduation Ceremonial, to be held at St. Andrews University, in connection with the celebration of the 500th anniversary of its foundation, will be the Prime Minister, the Right Hon. R. C. Murro Ferguson, P.C., M.P., Vice-Lieutenant of Fife, who for the last seven years has taken charge of the Nurses' Registration Bill in the House of Commons, Miss Louisa Innes Lumsden, formerly Warden of University Hall, St. Andrews, and Mrs. Eleanor Mildred Sidgwick, of Cambridge.

NURSES' PROTECTION FUND.

The Committee acknowledge with thanks the following sums:—

Carried forward	£5	14	0
Miss M. Heather-Bigg	5	0	
Miss E. E. Fowler	5	0	
Mrs. G. F. Wates	2	6	
District Nurse	2	6	
	£6	9	0

LECTURES FOR SCHOOL NURSES.

The next course of lectures arranged by the Royal Sanitary Institute to assist School Teachers and other students entering for the Examinations in Hygiene in its bearing upon School Life, and for Women Health Visitors and School Nurses, will commence on Friday, October 6th, at 7 p.m., at the Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.

The Course will consist of lectures and practical demonstrations on Physiology, Personal Hygiene and the Sanitation of School Buildings and Dwellings. The Hygiene of Child-life and Educational Methods. Special arrangements will be made for each student to attend a course of six infant consultations under the direction of Dr. G. Eric C. Pritchard, and in connection with these, opportunity will be afforded for students to follow up this instruction by visiting the infants in their homes. A fee of £1 is. will be charged for the course.

THE PASSING BELL.

The sudden death of Dr. A. Rolland Rainy, M.P. for Kilmarnock Burghs, at his North Berwick residence last Saturday, removes a good friend of the Nurses' Registration cause. For many years past Dr. Rainy has backed the Nurses' Bill and taken an interest in its progress and his support in the House of Commons will be much missed.

NURSING ECHOES.

We are asked by Miss Sidney Browne, Matron-in-Chief of the Territorial Force Nursing Service, to state that the official address of the Service is War Office, 80, Pall Mall, S.W., and that any enquiries by nurses wishing to join the Service should be sent to her there, and not to her private address. They will then receive attention if she is out of town.

Scarcely a day passes without a record in the Press of some sad fatality, of which a helpless child is generally the victim, due to clothing made of flannelette catching fire. And yet, in spite of the verdict of a special Home Office Commission, which investigated the matter, and that of Coroners and juries throughout the country, who unite in condemning this material (which becomes more and more dangerous each time it is washed) no steps have yet been taken to decrease the heavy annual death-roll from this cause. In a pamphlet entitled "Flannelette and Its Dangers," the National League for Physical Education and Improvement makes out a strong case for legislation, basing its facts on evidence taken from Blue Books, on statements made by Coroners, and on an independent investigation, recently carried on at the League's instigation by *The Lancet*. Deaths from burning, especially among children, are shown to be on the increase, and it is computed that of these deaths no less than a thousand a year in the United Kingdom may be ascribed to the fact of the victim having been clothed in ordinary flannelette. Nor is this surprising, when one realises, as more than one witness pointed out, that if a child's flannelette garment becomes ignited that child is doomed if no person arrives within about three seconds to save it.

If Boards of Guardians, and such bodies as the Metropolitan Asylums Board, would insist that only flannelette treated by a lasting chemical, fire-proofing process should be used in the institutions under their control in making the clothing provided by them for patients' use, much might be done to create public opinion. We were told the other day by the Matron of a large hospital under the control of the Local Government Board, that she could not use a non-inflammable flannelette for the children's garments, as only the ordinary variety was included in the scheduled list of stores on which she could draw. Were this realised by the President of the Local

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