

Cottage Hospital, Colwyn Bay.—Miss Enid Humphreys-Roberts has been appointed Nurse-Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and has held the positions of Staff Nurse and Temporary Sister at that institution, and Staff Nurse at Port Sunlight Hospital.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

Transfers and Appointments.—Miss Alice Biddlecombe to Longtown; Miss Winifred Flanders to Mytholmroyd; Miss Vinnie Clark to Gateshead; Miss Annie Hemmen to Redditch.

In addition to the qualifications possessed by Miss Beatrice G. Olphert, reported upon her appointment as Superintendent to the Surrey County Nursing Association and Inspector of Midwives for the Surrey County Council, we are informed that she holds the certificate of the Central Midwives' Board and has worked for the Reading Guardians as Lady Relief Visitor and Visitor Under the Children's Act (1908). Miss Olphert has been on the Roll of Queen's Nurses since 1900.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Miss Katherine M. Mackenzie, the new Matron of the Dunedin Hospital, New Zealand, has safely arrived at her destination and is beginning to feel "quite at home." Attached to the hospital is a very progressive medical school, and it is equipped with every modern convenience. The term of training for nurses is four years, but they are allowed to enter for their State Examination at the end of their third year. In a letter we have received from Miss Mackenzie she writes with pride, "I have now the honour to be a State Registered Nurse of New Zealand." Congratulations!

THE PASSING BELL.

The funeral of the Rev. Arthur Lewis Babington Peile, Master of the Royal Collegiate Hospital of St. Katharine, Regent's Park, and first President of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, took place at Ventnor, on Friday, 22nd inst. Canon Sheppard, Sub-Dean of the Chapels Royal, represented the King.

A memorial service was held in the St. Katharine's Chapel, Regent's Park. The Rev. Severne Majendie, a Brother of the Hospital, officiated, assisted by Canon H. B. Ottley and the Rev. G. R. Woodward. Queen Alexandra was represented by Colonel H. Streatfeild, M.V.O. There were also present the Hon. Horatia Stopford, Sir Henry White, Lady Scott, Mr. M. Bonham-Carter (representing the Council of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses), Miss Adames (representing the office staff of the Queen's Nurses), Miss Rosalind Paget, the first hon. secretary, and a large number of Superintendents and Queen's Nurses.

NURSING ECHOES.

Nurses have felt keenly the competition of the thoroughly taught and highly skilled Swedish masseuse, and by degrees the larger hospitals are realising that to be well-equipped for the best work in her profession, a nurse must study branches of work, which hitherto their certificates have not covered; a knowledge of midwifery and maternity nursing, also massage, have become almost indispensable, if trained nurses are to meet requirements. The new departure at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, will no doubt be greatly appreciated by the nursing staff. It has been decided to establish a School of Massage, and the full Swedish course will be the standard. Fully qualified teachers, both medical and nursing, will be attached, and the theory and practice of massage will be included in the curriculum.

The decision of the Executive Committee of the Northampton Queen Victoria Nurses' Home to treat infantile diarrhoea with the "Plasma de Quinton" has aroused a medical storm in connection with the institution. Dr. Buszard and Dr. Blake Odgers have resigned, and Dr. Hichens and Dr. A. W. Cooke, although they have not resigned, are strongly opposed to the Home being used for such experiments.

In the opinion of Dr. Buszard, "The whole thing is quackery." Such remarks came from the reactionary finality physician of past ages. But when he continues to express the opinion that the Nurses' Home is going outside its proper province in carrying on such experiments, seeing that it was established for the beneficent work of providing nurses for the sick poor, he is on safer ground.

Dr. A. W. Cooke, whilst praising the work of the Queen's Nurses in Northampton, is of opinion that medical experiments should be done at the General Hospital and not by a nursing home, an opinion we desire to support.

As we report in another column, the Committee of the General Infirmary, Chester, have appointed a new matron, Miss Blayney, who as assistant matron at the General Hospital, Birmingham, has had the advantage of working with Miss Musson, a tactful disciplinarian, and Mr. Howard Collins, a leading hospital administrator. The selection is a good one, but if the new matron is to have a chance of conducting the nursing department at Chester with success, she must have the loyal help and

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