

### THE PASSING BELL.

It is with very great regret that we record the death of a notable pioneer worker in the nursing profession, Sister Henrietta of Kimberley, to whom nurses in South Africa largely owe the honourable distinction of being the first to be registered by Act of Parliament in any country.

Sister Henrietta, who was a daughter of the late Rev. Henry Stockdale, Rector of Clayworth, Nottinghamshire, died on October 5th at Kimberley, at the age of 64.

It was in 1891, when the Medical and Pharmacy Act was passed in Cape Colony, that incorporated in it was a section providing that "the Council may, in accordance with Regulations approved by the Governor, grant certificates of competence as Trained Nurses . . . to any person who shall satisfy the examiners thereto appointed by the Council, of his or her competence, skill, and fitness in and for the occupation of nursing, and who shall in addition produce proof by certificate or otherwise of having had sufficient training in nursing work, under competent supervision. Every such certificate shall be . . . entered in a register to be kept for that purpose in connection with, and a part of the register provided for in this Act."

To have accomplished this is a great achievement to Sister Henrietta's credit, but her work was many sided, and, in the South African war, she took a prominent part during the siege of Kimberley and after in organising the nursing of the sick and wounded.

Full of good deeds for the betterment of humanity she has passed to the life beyond.

We also regret to record the death of Dr. Joseph Bell, Consulting Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, well known to and beloved by many nurses, with whom he was brought in contact both by his position at the Infirmary and his connection with the Council of the Scottish Branch of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute. Like many of his compeers Dr. Bell was remarkable for his shrewd and kindly nature, and great powers of observation.

Dr. Bell will be greatly missed in both medical and nursing circles, for he had a magnetic and charming personality.

### THE WOMAN'S PLATFORM.

We hope every one of our readers has during the past week seen the *Standard* newspaper, and as they cannot fail to be intensely interested in the columns headed "The Woman's Platform," have substituted it for the anti-women papers they have previously paid for. The *Standard* is the first London daily to give space for free discussion on the Woman's Movement, and one good turn deserves another. What a relief to know that for the future great national questions like the State Registration of Nurses cannot be "damped down" by social influence and vested interests. Send your articles and news to the *Standard*.

### APPOINTMENTS.

#### LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

**Burton-on-Trent Nursing Institution.**—Miss Lillian Lloyd has been appointed Lady Superintendent. She was trained at the Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield; and at the General Infirmary, Bolton. Miss Lloyd has also been Night Superintendent at the Royal Infirmary, Halifax; and at the Royal Chest Hospital, London; Matron of Malton Hospital; and also of the General Infirmary, Tiverton.

#### MATRON.

**Incurable Home, Halifax.**—Miss C. A. Wilkinson has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Incurable Home, Halifax; and at the Beckett Street Infirmary, Leeds. Miss Wilkinson has been Sister at Basford Fever Hospital, Nottingham; at the City Isolation Hospital, Gloucester; and has had experience in private nursing both in Leeds and Manchester.

#### ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT.

**Cornwall County Nursing Association, Truro.**—Miss Lyons, Queen's Nurse, Neath, South Wales, has been appointed Assistant County Superintendent and Assistant Inspector of Midwives in Cornwall. Miss Lyons received her general training at St. Helen's General Hospital, Lancashire; and obtained her midwifery training at St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester.

#### SISTERS.

**St. Pancras South Infirmary, London.**—Miss G. A. Wickham has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Stockport, and has been Assistant Nurse at Brook Fever Hospital, and Sister at Portsmouth Infirmary, temporary Sister at Bradford Hospital, and Sister at the Union Infirmary, Burnley. Miss Wickham is a Certified Midwife.

\* **The Royal United Hospital, Bath.**—Miss R. Dawson has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and has been Sister at the Clayton Hospital, Wakefield; Holiday Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Wigan; and Sister of Men's Wards and Theatre, at the County Hospital, Newport.

**Wemyss Memorial Hospital, Wemyss Bay, N.B.**—Miss Margaret Jack has been appointed Sister of a surgical ward at the Wemyss Memorial Hospital. She was trained for three years at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and for the same period in infectious nursing, at the City Fever Hospital, Edinburgh. She was also Matron of the West Fife Infectious Hospital, Dunfermline, for two years, and since 1905 has been a member of the Registered Nurses' Society, London.

#### STAFF NURSES.

**Essex County Hospital, Colchester.**—Miss Muriel M. Wakeham has been appointed Staff Nurse. She was trained at the Royal County Hospital, Ryde.

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