

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM IRELAND.

CO-OPERATION AND LOYALTY.

Christmas is close once more and we give warm greetings and good wishes for a happy time to all our professional sisters at home as well as to those abroad, who by affiliation with the International Council of Nurses are one with us. The Festival of Christmas is the great landmark of time in the year and besides being a period of joyfulness is also one of sadness. We all look back—what have we accomplished, how have we helped to make things better?

Now nursing is essentially a Profession for helping, tending those who are ill, sympathising with those who belong to the sick ones. Most nurses, whether Hospital, Private or District, do this.

But there is one community towards which nurses, as a body, fail lamentably, and that is their own Profession. When any great movement is on foot which intimately affects the Profession—such as the State Registration Bill, the Directory Bill and many other agitations which have taken place—the brunt of the work, as also the financing of it, is left to a comparatively small number, who time after time take up the cudgels and fight for the well being of all. There is a strange apathy, a great lack of personal interest shown, the majority being content to “keep out of it and let those who wish fight.” To those who think thus I would say: it is not a matter of *wishing* to fight, but of *having* to do so, if we would further the welfare of nurses. Think how much it would mean if all nurses would co-operate, by joining the Leagues or Associations connected with their Institutions or the Central Branch in London—which is always ready to receive members—by giving their “mite” towards defraying the cost of the work being done for each one of them, and by taking a keen understanding interest in matters affecting their own Profession. As we are entering on a New Year let us rouse ourselves out of this apathy, which is retarding our progress, let each of us co-operate in every way, loyally standing shoulder to shoulder in the fight, so that when 1912 is at an end, no one need look back with regret at neglected opportunities, but rather may the feeling be that she has done her individual best to further and promote the onward and upward movement of the Nursing Profession.

ANNIE CARSON RAE,
Secretary, Irish Nurses' Association.

Miss Bouchier, Matron of the Jessop Hospital, Sheffield, has resigned the position, and the Board of Management have passed a resolution expressing their appreciation of her long and faithful services to the hospital for a period of twenty-five years, and the hope that she may be long spared to enjoy a well-earned rest.

APPOINTMENTS.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

Victoria Hospital, Prince Albert, Canada.—Miss E. B. Lockerbie has been appointed Lady Superintendent. She was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and has held the positions of Assistant Matron at the District Asylum, Ayr, and Matron of Wye House, Buxton.

SISTER.

City Hospital, Old Swan, Liverpool.—Miss Rosamund Belton has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and has held the positions of Charge Nurse at Kelling Sanatorium, Holt, Norfolk, and Sister at the South-Western Hospital, Stockwell.

Horton Infirmary, Banbury.—Miss E. Stanton Day has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield, and has also had experience in fever nursing.

Miss Gertrude Walker has also been appointed Sister in the same institution. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield.

NIGHT SISTER.

Bucknall Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent.—Miss E. M. Doyle has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the Lewisham Infirmary, and has held the positions of Charge Nurse at the North-Eastern Hospital, Tottenham, and Sister at the Hospital, Muswell Hill.

CHARGE NURSE.

Workhouse Infirmary, Parkhurst.—Miss Maria Johnson has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at the Union Infirmary, Leigh, near Manchester, and has held appointments at the Droitwich, Bridgnorth, I. of Thanet, Barnsley, Hereford and Pocklington Infirmaries.

Workhouse Infirmary, Stapleton, near Bristol.—Miss Hannah Barlow has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at the Aston Union Infirmary, near Birmingham.

Military Families Hospital, Bullford.—Miss Gertrude E. Webster has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at the Infirmary, Greenwich, and has held the position of midwife at the above institution. She has also had experience of private nursing.

HEALTH VISITOR.

Tuberculosis Dispensary, Portsmouth.—Miss N. O. Allen has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at the Infirmary, Portsmouth, and has held the position of Sister-in-Charge in the male phthisical ward. She is a certified midwife.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Miss Bertha Eleanor Smith to be Staff Nurse (provisionally) (November 18th).

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

Transfers and Appointments.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss Pybus is appointed to Lincolnshire as County Superintendent. She was trained at the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, and subsequently did

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