

fever nursing at the South-Western and Plaistow Fever Hospitals. She took her midwifery training at Paddington and holds the C.M.B. Certificate. She trained in district work at Plaistow, where she worked as District Superintendent at the Central Home. Miss Pybus was Superintendent at Woolwich, which post she resigned to return to Plaistow as Superintendent of the Docks Branch.

Miss Alice O'Connell is appointed to Cannock Chase, Miss Elizabeth Leonard to Treherbert, Miss Anabella Lochiel to Ashton-under-Lyne.

EXAMINATION FOR THE ROLL OF QUEEN'S NURSES.

DECEMBER 14th, 1911.

- 1.—In giving a talk to working women on "Food," what could you tell them as to the choice, relative nutritive value and storage of different food stuffs?
 - 2.—How would you explain to a cottage mother the benefit of fresh air and sunshine, and that the house-fly is a danger to health? Give your answer in plain homely language.
 - 3.—What symptoms in a lying-in case would make you suspect puerperal fever? How would you nurse such a case?
 - 4.—How are bedsores caused? How may they possibly be prevented? How should they be treated on the district?
 - 5.—Give the symptoms and dangers of a Gastric Ulcer. How would you feed and nurse a district patient suffering from this disease?
 - 6.—(a) What do you understand by the "Provident System"? Draw up a system of fees.
or
(b) Why should a nurse interest herself in local public questions? Give some instances where the information collected by a district nurse would be of service to the Authorities.
- N.B.—The last two questions are alternative: either (a) or (b) should be answered, *not both*.

PRESENTATIONS.

At the Kent Nursing Institution, Tunbridge Wells, after a recent Committee Meeting, Countess Amherst presented silver medals to Miss Hutton and Miss Bradford, both of whom have done excellent service for the last eight years and won the appreciation of doctors and patients, as well as of the committee of the institution.

At the Guildhall, Wycombe, the Mayor presented gifts to Miss Elliott and Miss Norman, who are leaving the town, in recognition of the appreciation of their work as Queen's Nurses. The watch given to Miss Elliott bore an inscription stating that it was presented by the Mayor's Fund, and Miss Norman received a handsome umbrella.

Miss Angus, who is resigning the position of Nurse under the Arlecdon and Frizington Nursing Association, has been presented with a purse of gold, a travelling clock, and a handsome gold bangle, by the friends she has made during her five years' work in the locality.

NURSING ECHOES.

We have to thank many secretaries and matrons of hospitals for cards of invitation to their Christmas festivities, some of which we hope to do ourselves the pleasure of accepting. Hospitals and Wards for Sick Children, in spite of all the suffering and pain, are really little oases of concentrated excitement and joy on Christmas Day. No one is ever too old to enjoy the sight of the glistening magic of a Christmas Tree, and this year there seems to have been an outpouring of gifts from all sources, so that poor children in and out of hospitals will all realise that it is King Kindness "all glorious within" who rules the revels.

By the kind invitation of Mrs. Lloyd George a meeting of the Nurses' National Total Abstinence League was held at 11, Downing Street on Thursday, December 14th. The guests were received by their hostess, and then passed on into the stately and finely proportioned Georgian gallery overlooking the Horse Guards Parade, which, spacious though it was, was speedily filled to overflowing. The chair was taken by Lady Whittaker, who briefly explained the objects of the Women's Total Abstinence Union, to which the Nurses' League is affiliated, and said that the Union regarded the nurses' branch as one of the most important. Some of them remembered the time when they were afraid to have a nurse in the house; she upset everything, and when she came in intoxicants were necessary also in considerable quantities. Now all that was altered.

The first speaker was Sir Thomas Barlow, who addressed his audience as "friends and fellow workers," and said that neither doctors nor nurses could dispense with one another. He discussed the question of total abstinence under two heads: (1) on the health of nurses, and (2) on the relations between nurses and patients. While the occupation of nursing was trying, it was only one out of many which came under that category. He did not think nurses wished for any sentimental sympathy on that score. What they wished for was something to help them in their efficiency as nurses. Both in regard to the health and comfort of nurses he believed total abstinence to be best.

In regard to patients, "do not," said the speaker, "let us have it on our souls that we have led to lessened resistance on the part of others."

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