

many of the members present meeting her for the first time since her recent severe illness.

We were also delighted to see Miss Ethel Tippell looking her usual self after her long and trying indisposition of last year.

Miss Elma Smith arrived later, accompanied by several members of the Hendon Branch, and caused much amusement by her humorous recital of her adventures *en route*, these including a narrow escape of arrest as a suffragette.

During the evening several members of the nursing staff contributed songs and recitations, which were much appreciated.

Considerable disappointment was caused by the unavoidable absence through sudden indisposition of Miss Hathaway, whose spirited recitations have been such an agreeable feature of previous entertainments.

Mr. C. W. Pearson, however, rose to the occasion nobly, and proved a host in himself, giving several of his best selections in excellent style. These included "Sheila" (Haydon Wood), "Lorna" (Newton), "The Trumpeter" (Airlie Dix), etc., etc., and his rendering of Schumann's "Two Grenadiers" was particularly fine. Mrs. Pearson accompanied with her usual taste.

E. M. B.

THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

Dr. Parsons gave a lecture to the members of the Irish Nurses' Association at 34, St. Stephen's Green, on the 4th inst. His subject was "Some Diseases of the Respiratory Tract." Dr. Parsons brought specimens of the different organs belonging to this tract, and also showed very instructive lantern slides. One thing, the lecturer said, which interested his audience at this particular crisis in public affairs was that miners were particularly healthy, and that, although their lungs were full of coal dust, it did not render them unhealthy. On the other hand, steel cutters had very short lives, as the cuttings from steel which were inhaled destroyed the lungs altogether.

Miss Reed presided, and a hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Miss Branagan and seconded by Miss M. Kearns, was given to Dr. Parsons at the close of the lecture.

Before beginning, Dr. Parsons paid a tribute to the late Mrs. Kildare-Treacy, in the course of which he said that this was the first audience of nurses he had addressed since Mrs. Treacy's death, and that he was glad to have this opportunity of telling them how much he had appreciated her work as head of the City of Dublin Nursing Institution.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRONS.

The Isolation Hospital, Aberdare.—Miss Mary E. Samuel has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Swansea General and Eye Hospital, where she has held the position of Night Sister. She has also had experience of private nursing in connection with the Nursing Institute, Shrewsbury, and done Matron's holiday duty at the Cottage Hospital, Ludlow, been Sister-in-Charge at the Borough Hospital, Leicester, and Matron at Margam Isolation Hospital.

Turner Memorial Hospital, Liverpool.—Miss A. I. Leigh Clare has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, S.E.; and the Victoria Hospital, Chelsea, S.W.; and has held the position of Matron in connection with Sherborne School, and at the Meath Home, Godalming.

The City Hospital, West Heath, Birmingham.—Miss Agnes Bywater has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, and has held the positions of Charge Nurse at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Bournemouth, Sister at the West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance, and Sister at the Plaistow Fever Hospital.

NURSE MATRON.

The Isolation Hospital, Citybebyll, Pontardawe, Glamorganshire.—Miss Winifred Ellen Thomas has been appointed Nurse Matron. She was trained at the Infirmary, Birmingham, and has held the position of Ward Sister at the Fulham Infirmary, Hammersmith.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Devonshire Hospital, Buxton. — Miss Mary E. Jones has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, and at the Brompton Hospital for Consumption, and has held the positions of Sister at the Royal Eye Hospital, Manchester, and at the York County Hospital, and of Assistant Matron at the Ecole Belge d'Infirmières, Belgium.

SISTERS.

Bethnal Green Infirmary, Cambridge Road, N.E.—The following ladies have been appointed to the position of Sister:

Miss Catherine Grant, trained at St. Pancras North Infirmary, where she has held the positions of temporary Night and Day Sister. She was also pupil midwife at the Military Families' Hospital, Woolwich.

Miss Amy M. Phillips, trained at the Crumpsall Infirmary, Manchester. She has held the positions of Ward Sister at the Fulham Infirmary; and of Charge Nurse, at the Newton Abbot Isolation Hospital; and was pupil midwife at Kentish Town in connection with the Maternity Charity.

Miss Mabel Windebank, trained at the Bermondsey Infirmary. She has held the position of Staff Nurse at the Camberwell Infirmary; and has done private nursing in Weston-super-Mare.

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