

THE PASSING OF THE PIONEERS.

MARY ANN HARRIET ALLEN.

Miss Mary Ann Harriet Allen has died lately at Bristol. She was a woman of great mental powers and her vast knowledge, her artistic skill, and the wide range of her sympathies with all who are desolate and oppressed make her stand out as a nurse of the fine and beautiful order, which produced in the last century such women as Florence Nightingale and Isla Stewart. Mary Allen was the daughter of the late Venerable Archdeacon Allen, who was a most interesting and pious divine, whose characteristics were in Thackeray's mind when he created the character of "Major Dobbin" in "Vanity Fair." He was the contemporary and friend of many intellectual giants and Mary Allen used to recall their visits, and remembered Thackeray talking to her and placing his hand kindly on her head. From the most comfortable of country vicarages, Mary Allen went forth to join the St. John's Sisterhood, and to work in London at King's College Hospital to qualify herself for the work to which she afterwards devoted her life. She took charge of a Home for Governesses at Scarborough for several years, and won the affection and esteem of all who came in contact with her. She spent several winters in this work, and then, through a moving speech which she heard made by Bishop Steere (Head of the Central African Mission), she made up her mind to devote her life to foreign mission work. She started out to Zanzibar and here she stayed for nine years, her principal work being the care of slaves who had been freed, whose position was pitiable in the extreme; they were rescued from the slave dhows by British men-of-war which were at Zanzibar for this purpose, and after found their way into the town in an absolutely destitute and oftentimes diseased condition. Mary Allen also was all the time doing missionary work as well, and with her own hands she helped to mould some of the capitals of the Cathedral that now stands where the old slave market used to be at Zanzibar. Her father and she also collected £500 to build a gallery, where the Mohammedan women might listen to the service in seclusion. In later years she conducted a missionary school in Cairo. She later on, under Bishop Blythe, founded a hospital at the foot of Mount Carmel. Miss Allen was a pioneer of that great movement of the early sixties, which induced many refined and educated women to take up the profession of nursing and to lend to it a significance and a position which it never had before.

"She who would win the name of truly great,
Must understand her own age and the next.
The future works out great souls' destinies;
The present is enough for common souls."

—Lowell.

MADELEINE GREENWOOD.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,
SCOTLAND.

EXAMINATION OF NURSES.

The following are the names of the nurses who gained the certificates of the Local Government Board of Scotland in General Nursing, and Fever Nursing, at the May examination, held at Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee and Aberdeen:—

I.—CERTIFICATE IN GENERAL TRAINING.

Modesta H. Amour.	Marion S. Rankin.
Mary F. Burns.	Euphemia Robertson.
Nellie M'N. Cameron.	Mary C. Scott.
Jeanie F. L. Dawson.	Isobel J. G. Watt.
Wilhelmina C. L. Dawson.	Lilian M. Watt.
Mary Delaney.	Mary Allardice.
Jean M'M. W. Gibson.	Jean S. R. Anderson.
Kate M'L. Graham.	Catherine B. Kydd.
Annie Hadden.	Mary H. M'Laren.
Margaret A. Hamilton.	Mabel Wilson.
Georgina Johnstone.	Nellie C. Young.
Margaret Morgan.	

II.—CERTIFICATE IN FEVER TRAINING.

Annie C. Black.	Hannah B. Esslemont.
Margaret S. Bowie.	Janet F. Gibb.
Annie L. Clarkson.	Margaret Grant.
Margaret M. Cunningham.	Minnie Hood.
Agnes Fraser.	Hester L. Lewis.
Margaret K. Lawton.	Elizabeth B. Masson.
Elizabeth Leadbetter.	Jane Millar.
Elizabeth S. Maxwell.	Agnes Mitchell.
Jessie L. McDonald.	Margaret A. Mitchell.
May R. McKenzie.	Dina Mitchell.
Edith A. A. Spark.	Jeanie L. M'Caughtrick.
Elizabeth M. Thompson.	Mary D. MacLeod.
Ann Adams.	Helen J. Neish.
Helen M. Adamson.	Lilian F. Reed.
Phyllis E. Adamson.	Alice B. Robertson.
Catherine Beaton.	Elizabeth A. Ross.
Margaret R. Campbell.	Annie B. Semple.
Bessie Coltman.	Elizabeth K. Stevenson.
Elsie C. Copland.	Katherine D. Stewart.
Christina M'I. Davidson.	Agnes MacD. Wallace.
Margaret L. Dunsmoir.	Agnes Westwood.
Agnes Edwards.	Jessie M'K. Winchester.

PRESENTATION.

At a meeting of the Netherton District Nursing Committee held recently at the Public Hall, a presentation was made to Nurse Crossley, who for the past three years has been the district nurse, and who has resigned her appointment. Mrs. Plant, as President of the Association, made the presentation, which consisted of a gold and enamelled pendant watch, subscribed to by the members of the committee, and spoke in eulogistic terms of Nurse Crossley's services. Nurse Crossley expressed her gratitude for the beautiful gift and for the past kindness of all.

Trained nurses interested in professional organization should write to the Hon. Secretary for a form, and join the Society for the State Registration of Nurses. Office, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Don't stand aside whilst the few do all the work.

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