

**The Workhouse Infirmary, Newport, Monmouthshire.**—Miss Bessie Louisa Scott has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at Shirley Warren Infirmary, Southampton, where she has been temporary Ward Sister and Maternity Sister. She has also been Charge Nurse of Women's, Children's, and Maternity Wards at Steyning Union Infirmary.

Miss Olive Minnie Adams has also been appointed Charge Nurse in the same institution. She was trained at the Bagthorpe Infirmary, Nottingham.

#### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Sister Miss Margaret F. Steele resigns her appointment. Staff Nurse Miss Isabella McM. Beaton and Staff Nurse Miss C. Skinner resign their appointments.

Miss Agatha M. Phillips, Staff Nurse, to be Sister.

#### QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE. TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Bacon is appointed to Leicester as Superintendent; Miss Hannah Newton, to Gateshead, as Senior Nurse; Catherine Bamford, to Dewsbury; Miss Vinnie Clark, to Dewsbury; Miss Gertrude E. Davies, to Somercotes; Bertha Ffoulkes, to Hampstead; Miss McIvor, to Cardiff; Miss Ruby E. Radburn, to Brixton; Miss Marion E. Rolls, to Crawley; Miss Mary Stephens, to Swanley.

#### MEDALS FOR NURSES.

At a recent meeting of the Joint Committee of Management of the Richmond District Asylum, Dublin, Nurse Yourelle and Nurse M'Kenna were the recipients of the prize medals annually awarded by Mrs. M'Dowel Cosgrave for meritorious work in connection with the management of the institution. The chairman, Mr. R. Jones, J.P., in making the presentation, said that the fact that they had obtained the prizes was a testimony to their zeal and their ability in the discharge of their duties. The nurses suitably returned thanks.

#### THE PASSING BELL.

The traditions of the nursing profession that those in their charge must be served even unto death found practical expression in a railway accident in Western Pennsylvania, when an excursion train filled with 300 men, women and children returning from a day's outing was run into by a heavy freight train; nearly every person in the rear car of the passenger train was killed, and in the front of it were fifteen children from a charitable organisation in charge of two nurses, who had been taken from the "Black Country" for a picnic up the line in the "Green Country." One of the nurses sacrificed her life in endeavouring to save her charges. Her name is not mentioned in the accounts which have reached us, but her profession is the richer that she thus bravely performed her duty, and we may be sure that she will in no wise lose her reward.

#### NURSING ECHOES.

On Friday, the 19th inst., Queen Alexandra visited the East End of London to attend the Flower Show of the People's Palace and East London Horticultural Society at the People's Palace. Her Majesty then drove to Bow, and opened the new Tredegar House, built on a site given by Lord Tredegar, to be used as the Preliminary Home of London Hospital probationers. Queen Alexandra was received by the Chairman (the Hon. Sydney Holland), the Matron (Miss Lückes), and other prominent officials. After an address and the presentation of Mr. Rowland Plumbe, the honorary architect, who has given £5,000 towards the new building, Queen Alexandra declared the building open, saying: "I declare this building open, and I hope God's blessing may rest upon it and all who work in it." She was then conducted over the Home, and promised to send a photograph of herself. The new school, which has cost £12,000, is opened free of debt, and contains accommodation for 30 pupils, who are taught for seven weeks—this number just meeting the loss at the London Hospital during that term.

We have always been of opinion that the Preliminary Training of nurses is very urgently required before they begin their ward work. Much, of course, can be taught systematically in seven weeks, but it is far from a sufficient term, and may result in superficial cramming. Six months devoted to preliminary theoretical and practical training is the very least time in which it can be possible to secure a thorough course, and if the Probationers at the London Hospital were given a three years' term of training—instead of two—the Preliminary Course could be made more thorough.

Whilst other hospitals, such as St. Bartholomew's, fail even to supply their nursing staffs with an efficient Nurses' Home, where the teaching department of the nurses can be organized, the London, in comparison, is to be congratulated on going ahead and securing the necessary buildings. The course of teaching can be extended at any time.

It may not be generally known that the Board of Education subscribes liberally several hundred pounds a year towards the education of nurses at the London Hospital. Why should not other large hospitals apply for a grant? They have an equal right to it.

The grievances of the staff nurses in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service

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