

RESIGNATION OF MISS CURTIS.

A Loss to District Nursing.

Miss Curtis, Superintendent of the Hammersmith and Fulham District Nursing Association, is retiring in May next, after twenty-two years' continuous service at her post. This Association (with eight nurses) provides for District Nursing in the two large and important Boroughs of Hammersmith and Fulham and will shortly include in its sphere of work two school clinics, one in Fulham (already started) and one in Hammersmith. Miss Curtis, to whom the Association is so largely indebted for its development and present efficiency, began her district nursing career with the Metropolitan and National Association, and went to Hammersmith in October, 1890. Here her zeal and devotion to the work, her resourcefulness and powers of organization, have won the respect and gratitude of all concerned with it, and her retirement will cause general regret. To Miss Curtis was recently awarded by the Queen Victoria's Institute for Nurses the gold badge, in recognition of twenty-one years' service marked by good and loyal work for the Institute.

The following members of the Registered Nurses' Society have resigned:—Sister Bertha M. E. Hesketh, who has been offered the post of Sister of Elizabeth Ward (Maternity) at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where she was trained; and Sister Christina D. Winder, upon her approaching marriage next month. Sister Winder was trained at the Western Infirmary and the Ruchill Fever Hospital, Glasgow. Both members will be a loss to the Society, as their good work has been much appreciated by patients and doctors.

Nurse Robinson has resigned from the Kent Nursing Institute after twenty-three years' faithful service and excellent work, and at a recent meeting the Committee put on record their appreciation of her fine character, her ability, and great devotion to duty.

THE PASSING BELL.

The death has occurred at Sutton, Surrey, of Mrs. Isabel Carmichael, one of the band of women who served with Florence Nightingale in the Crimean War. She was then the wife of a soldier, William Kirkland, and she followed him to the Crimea as one of Miss Nightingale's nurses. Her son, William Kirkland, now an engineer at Huddersfield, was born in the Crimea. She went with her husband to India, and remained through the Mutiny. Her husband died of wounds sustained in the war, and Mrs. Kirkland returned to Scotland, where she married Mr. Carmichael. Her death has occurred at the age of over 80 years, and she leaves three sons and two daughters, the eldest daughter being Mrs. R. Farnhill, of South Cliff, Scarborough.

NURSING ECHOES.

The Hon. Secretary of the Society for State Registration of Nurses begs to remind members that annual subscriptions of 1s. are now due for 1913, and, as the Society is desirous of pushing the State Registration question well to the front upon every available opportunity, especially after the Premier's promise that the claims of the Bill shall be considered, she will gratefully receive them. A subscription of 5s. provides for Life Membership. Changes of addresses should be notified to her at the official address, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

To guard against malingering on the part of either patient or doctor, the General Federation of Trade Unions has decided to appoint in connection with its approved national insurance society a staff of trained nurses, who will have the right of entry to the homes of sick members, and will make it their business to see that both doctor and patient are encouraged to keep down the bill for sick pay.

Miss E. Hanan, Secretary of the Irish Nurses' Association, and Miss A. W. Gill, Lady Superintendent, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, both write to acknowledge Miss Dock's gift to their respective Nurses' Libraries of Vols. 3 and 4 of "A History of Nursing," and express great pleasure at possessing this valuable work.

Miss C. Elston has accepted the matronship of the Parnet Hospital at Algiers, where she will stay until the present assistant matron, Mlle. Arnaud, has gained sufficient experience in the supervision of the lately started training school to take full charge. Since leaving Bordeaux, the expert knowledge of Miss Elston has been requisitioned by the Committee of the Havre Hospitals in the organization of the Pasteur Hospital at Le Havre. At present she is for her own pleasure visiting the various Paris Hospitals.

Miss S. Grace Tindall, President of the National Association of Nurses of India, writes from Bombay:—"I hope I shall not receive many more BRITISH JOURNALS OF NURSING here, for a time, as my passage is booked on the 'Arabia,' leaving Bombay on April 5th. *Whether* I shall be on board or no, I don't know, but I earnestly hope so. Five and a half years of such work as I have put in cannot be very much prolonged—therefore I hope to be greeting you in London before the

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