

The following ladies to be Staff Nurses:—Miss Elizabeth Spence Riddall (Sept. 4, 1912), Miss Paula Mally Rhenius (Sept. 14, 1912).

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.
ASSISTANT COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss Amy Kate Baughurst is appointed to Somerset, as Assistant County Superintendent. Miss Baughurst received general training at Salisbury Infirmary; midwifery training, at Three Towns; and district training, at Chelsea. She has since held several appointments under the Queen's Institute, including that of temporary Assistant Superintendent of the Devonshire County Nursing Association.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Martha Carter is appointed to St. Ives, Hunts.; Miss Vera Clarke, to Buxton; Miss Margaret Halpin, to Loughborough; Miss Charlotte Martindale, to Accrington; Miss Margaret Rolph, to Truro; Miss Elsie May Smith, to Ilkeston; Miss Winifride Smith, to Helston; Miss Hannah Sunter, to Exeter; Miss Violet Thurston, to Grantham; and Miss Emily Turner, to Brixton.

PRESENTATIONS.

At the annual court of governors of the Royal Sea Bathing Hospital at Margate, Lord Biddulph presiding, Mrs. Hannay (the Matron-Superintendent), was presented by the directors with a beautiful gold bracelet-watch, upon her retirement from office, as a mark of their appreciation for the devoted manner in which she had performed her very onerous duties.

Nurse Wright, of Derby, who recently gave a course of lectures on sick nursing at Wirksworth, has been presented with a case of silver teaspoons and sugar tongs, subscribed for by members of her late class.

THE PASSING BELL.

It is with sorrow we have to record that Nurse Hilda Bird (a member of the nursing staff of the Royal Free Hospital, W.C.), passed away, after only a few days' illness, on March 26th.

She was at the end of her third year of training; and was looking forward to entering for her final examinations, and gaining her certificate after loyal and efficient service. Her unfailing kindness and thoughtfulness towards her patients will long be remembered by those who came under her care.

Her whole illness was so rapid that it is still difficult for her colleagues (by whom she was much beloved), to realize she is no longer one of their happy number.

The funeral took place from the hospital, the first portion of the service being held outside the little mortuary chapel. Many beautiful wreaths were sent from members of the hospital.

NURSING ECHOES.

Those nurses who have followed with interest the fine work of Miss Dorothy Snell, the Matron, and the staff of English nurses at the Policlinico Hospital, Rome, will be glad to know that King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Elena have recognized their services in training Italian probationers, during the last three years, by receiving them in audience with their Italian pupils.

Dr. Bastianelli bore warm testimony to the work done by Miss Snell and the nurses at the Policlinico, which is regarded as a centre from which competent trained Italian nurses will go forth to all parts of the kingdom. The Queen personally presented to each of the English nurses a medal bearing her initial, and the Italian tricolour; and to the Italian nurses their certificates and badges, in the presence of the Princess Doria and others interested in the school.

Miss Snell was trained at the London Homœopathic Hospital, and subsequently worked as a private nurse on the Registered Nurses' Society, London, W. She also had experience of Army Nursing during the South African War.

We are glad to hear that Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses has received a donation from the Royal Oak Benefit Approved Society, whose Committee has now under its consideration arrangements for the provision of nursing for the members of its Approved Section by the Nursing Associations connected with the Institute. We consider that Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute is quite the right body to undertake the nursing of the insured sick, provided that Queen's Nurses only are employed for this work. The insured sick pay for the benefits they receive, and no less a standard than that of the fully trained Queen's Nurse should be accepted by Approved Societies.

Mr. W. J. Dutton, of Nantwich, lectured last week to an interested audience of nurses at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, on "Florence Nightingale." Mr. Ralph Brocklebank, a former President of the Infirmary, in introducing the lecturer, referred to Miss Nightingale's connection with it. Through the late Mr. William Rathbone and others, her system was introduced first into the Brownlow Hill Workhouse, and afterwards into the Royal Infirmary. In 1864 a house was taken in Ashton Street as a Nurses' Home, and that Home and the

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