

THE PASSING BELL.

Many nurses will learn with deep regret of the death of Miss Susan E. Antrobus, Superior of the Guild of St. Barnabas for Nurses, which occurred on January 2nd, from bronchitis and pneumonia, at Nice, where for many years past she has spent the winter. Miss Antrobus was trained at the Northern Hospital, Liverpool, and was subsequently Lady Superintendent there; from 1867-70. In that year she was appointed Night Superintendent at Middlesex Hospital; and from 1872 to 1875 she was Lady Superintendent of the Nurses' Home, Carlisle. For thirty-six years, since first she founded the Guild, and it was connected with the name of the Son of Consolation, she has watched over its work, and has had the happiness of seeing its membership grow from the little group



MISS SUSAN E. ANTROBUS.

who met on St. Barnabas Day, 1876, to a society numbering thousands of nurses in all four quarters of the globe. Its interests have been her constant care; and to her, as well as to the Rev. E. F. Russell (whose invaluable help as chaplain she secured at the outset), numbers of nurses are indebted for an influence and a kindly friendship, which has counted for much in their lives. We are glad to be able to report that Mrs. Gardner (Assistant Superior of the Guild) was at hand when she was taken ill; and that she had two English nurses, one of them a member of the Guild. She was laid to rest at Nice on Saturday last, when flowers were sent by Mrs. Gardner in the name of the Guild of St. Barnabas. All members will be glad that Mrs. Gardner was with Miss Antrobus during the last days of her life, representing to her the affection and gratitude of the Guild as a whole. A solemn requiem on her behalf will be sung in the Church of St. Alban, Brook Street, Holborn, on Tuesday, January 14th, at 10 a.m. R.I.P.

NURSING ECHOES.

The extremely able article from Sister K. H. Wheatley, Red Crescent Society, Asia Minor, on Relief Work in Asia Minor, which we shall publish next week, will be read with great interest. It proves how wonderfully trained women are required whenever there is war, both to care for the sick and mother the unhappy living. We hope the pecesses on the British Red Cross Committee will realize how insufficient are their units at the front without them.

Sisters Lily Warriner and Annette Obee have arrived safely at their destination at the hospital at San Stefano, near Constantinople. They had a most interesting journey overland through Germany, Austria, and Roumania to Constanta.

We draw the attention of general trained nurses who are contemplating taking up private nursing to how necessary it is, if they wish to complete their training, that they should obtain practical experience of the nursing of infectious diseases. Such training is of the greatest possible value in private work. The nurse knows how to look out for symptoms, and the necessity of reporting them to the doctor; she can give skilled help should a case of fever develop in conjunction with other illness, and such work is more highly remunerated than general sickness. Just now there are vacancies for nurses in the fine hospitals under the Metropolitan Asylums Board, and those who wisely want to add Fever Nursing to their other qualifications should communicate with the Matrons of the following hospitals: The Eastern and North-Eastern Hospitals, the North-Western and Western Hospitals, and the South-Eastern Hospital. We hope to see the day when experience in Fever Nursing will be included in the experience of every private nurse.

We learn that it is proposed to reduce the holidays of school nurses working under the London County Council, and to regard their work as pertaining to the Public Health Department rather than the Educational Department. Up to the present, nurses have been engaged on the understanding that they shall have the ordinary school holidays in the same way as the teachers, and this extra liberty has been a great inducement to nurses to take up the work, and to some extent counterbalances the disadvantage of the extremely modest salaries offered. We fear that if the holidays are shortened that the Council will find some of the nurses now in its employ will take up other

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