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QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Staff Nurses resign their appointments: Kathleen M. Burgess, Aug. 31st, 1913. Mary O. Greenaway, Sept. 1st, 1913.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE. TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Elsie Yates is appointed to Lancaster; Miss Jessie Cubbon, to Glossop; Miss Rose Paling, to Gosport.

THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM.

A Lecture on the History of the Order of St John of Jerusalem (admission 1s.) will be given on Tuesday, September 9th, at 8.30 p.m., by H. W. Fincham, Esq., at the Annual Exhibition of the Royal Photographic Society, held in the Gallery of the Royal Society of British Artists, Suffolk Street, Haymarket. *Synopsis:* An Ancient Order of Chivalry—The Knights Hospitallers—History in Jerusalem—Acre—Cyprus—Rhodes—Malta—England—Present day work.

THE PASSING BELL.

We greatly regret to record the death of Miss Alice Clark, for many years Matron of the Southport Infirmary, and a member of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland. Miss Clark was trained at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary Wigan and was Assistant Matron there when appointed Matron at the Southport Infirmary in 1897, where she died after a long and painful illness borne with the greatest fortitude. Miss Clark had won for herself the confidence and respect of the authorities and official staff of the Infirmary, and the devotion of the nursing staff; she had a high sense of professional duty and was instrumental in initiating many schemes for the improvement and extension of the work. A capable administrator, and a true friend of the sick poor, she will be greatly missed. She was laid to rest in the Southport Cemetery on Wednesday in last week, the funeral service being previously held at St. Philip's Church, where an address was given by Canon Howson, of Liverpool, formerly a member of the Board of Management of the Infirmary. In addition to the relatives, there were present Sir George Pilkington, Chairman of the Infirmary, Dr. Baildon, Chairman of the Medical Board, Mr. J. H. Shaw, Secretary, many Matrons, Sisters and Nurses, including Miss Macintyre, Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Wigan, and very many others. Beautiful flowers were sent by the Board of Management, the medical, nursing and domestic staffs, and a large number of friends.

NURSING ECHOES.

The provision for the adequate nursing care of middle class patients is one which has never been seriously grappled with on a scale which can be regarded as adequate. A few hospitals have beds for paying patients, but, for the majority of persons who require surgical treatment, the choice lies between accepting the charity of a hospital maintained by voluntary contributions, at which their pride and self respect rebels, and entering a private nursing home, in which case the fees will often amount to more than the whole weekly income of the patient, or of those upon whom he is dependent. Various propositions have recently been made with the object of providing for the needs of the middle classes in illness, and one of the most practical seems to be that a Masonic Nursing Home should be established. No doubt the Masonic Order has the organization at its command through which the funds for such a home could be raised, and many of its members belong to the class which it is desired to aid. We understand that the committee charged with the consideration of the scheme will meet as soon as the London Masonic Season opens. The success of any Nursing Home, so far as the comfort and good nursing of the patients is concerned, depends upon the professional skill, the organizing capacity, and the home making qualities of the Matron and Nursing Staff, and the Committee will therefore be wise to secure, from the first, the expert advice of members of the nursing profession whose experience in this branch of work commands consideration.

Time was when nurses were referred to in the press as "ministering angels" and the public was disposed to accept them in that rôle, the reason being that by the devotion of many brave, noble, heroic, and self sacrificing women to the sick in hospitals, infirmaries, in their own homes and elsewhere, the public had received an exalted impression of the vocation of a nurse, and of the work of individual nurses. To read the daily press at the present time is to realize how far the nurse has fallen from the pedestal upon which she was set by public estimation. To quote only two instances:—The *Critic* in a recent issue asserted "Many of these so-called trained nurses are ignorant and arrogant, and not a few of them are insidious adventuresses. It follows that they are noisy and tactless, for they simply regard their patients as pieces of furniture. Anyone who has had any experience of the in-

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