

The Infirmary, Selly Oak, Birmingham.—Miss Maud Plant and Miss A. E. Dowkes have been appointed Sisters. The former was trained at Edmonton Infirmary, and has been Sister at Farnham Union Infirmary; and the latter was trained at Selly Oak Infirmary, and has since been Staff Nurse at the Children's Hospital, Liverpool.

York County Hospital.—Miss Margaret Barron has been appointed Theatre Sister. She was trained at the Clayton Hospital, Wakefield, has been Ward Sister at Kettering District Hospital, and at the York County Hospital.

Miss Ethel Burrows has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, where she was Staff Nurse and Acting Sister. She was also trained in fever nursing and was Sister at the Leigh Joint Hospital.

Blackburn Infirmary.—Miss Hannah Hope has been appointed Sister. She was trained at St. Helens Hospital, Lancs., and has done six months' holiday duty as Staff Nurse at Charing Cross Hospital, London.

West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital, King's Lynn.—Miss Emily S. P. MacManus has been appointed Sister of the Theatre and Children's Ward. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, and has been Sister at Kaisr el Ainy Hospital, Cairo, and Holiday Sister at Guy's Hospital.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

M. C. S. Knox, R.R.C., late Matron, is permitted to retain the badge of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, in recognition of her long and devoted services; December 3rd, 1913.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Mary B. Cooper is appointed to Kidderminster, Miss Florence Faber to Glossop, Miss Jane Padgett to Whickham, Miss Mary Rigby to Burnley, Miss Jenny Stonehouse to Cumberland as School Nurse, Miss Millicent Tansley to Bury.

THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM.

In the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, His Majesty has been pleased to make the following appointment: As Lady of Grace—Miss Mildred Heather-Bigg. Miss Heather-Bigg is Matron of Charing Cross Hospital, and President of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, and many friends both professional and lay, will wish to congratulate her on this distinction.

THE PASSING BELL.

It is with very real regret we have to record the death of Nurse Ellen Gibson, of the London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C., after a sudden and brief illness at the early age of thirty-three. She was the Charge Staff Nurse of the Gynæcological Ward. A more conscientious, loyal and devoted nurse it is inconceivable to imagine. Her loss is felt very keenly by everyone with whom she came in contact.

NURSING ECHOES.

In this week's issue, on page xii of our advertisement columns, will be found the Coupon for our Christmas Toy Competition, which must be cut out and forwarded to the Editor with the toys which we hope have been piling up for the children in workhouse wards, to be distributed through Superintendent Nurses. We are anticipating keen competition for the four prizes of 5s. each, which will be awarded for the best toys, made at a cost of not more than one shilling. We have to thank Miss Arcscott, R.N.S., for her generous gift of toys.

Owing to the large amount of space devoted in this issue to the report of the meeting of the National Council of Trained Nurses, we are compelled to defer our final review of the Life of Florence Nightingale until next week's issue.

A General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses was held in the Clinical Theatre on Saturday, November 29th; the President, Miss R. Cox-Davies, was in the chair. It was arranged that the series of lectures on pictorial art should take place after Christmas on Tuesday evenings, at 8.15 p.m., the lectures to be given by Professor Spencer, of the Royal School of Art. In the event of this hour clashing with that of Lenten services, the last two of the series of six to be given at 6 p.m. on Thursdays. Miss E. B. Kingsford, in a letter to the Hon. Secretary, and personally, brought to the notice of the League the decision of the National Council of Nurses, at its meeting on November 27th, to act upon the suggestion of Sir Victor Horsley that the members of Nurses' Leagues should endeavour to collect signatures of qualified nurses to a Petition on behalf of State Registration of Trained Nurses, and conveyed to the League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses, as one of the affiliated Leagues, an invitation to assist in the scheme. The League was in contact with nurses all over the world, and if its members would act as missionaries on this subject they might do much good work. The suggestion was supported by Mrs. Shuter, and also by the President, who considered it desirable that a list should be published which might counteract the influence of that circulated by the anti-registration party, which was by no means as valuable as it was made to appear. The proposal was received most sympathetically, members expressing a desire that the Hon. Secretary might be supplied with forms which would be available for their use.

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