

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL NAVAL NURSING SERVICE.

Miss Mary Louisa Hocking has been appointed a Sister in Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service (on probation).

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE. . EXAMINATION FOR THE ROLL OF QUEEN'S NURSES.

1.—Enumerate the sources of water supply in town and in the country. How does each source become contaminated? How would you ensure water being pure?

2.—How are bedsores caused? How may they possibly be prevented? How should they be treated on the district?

3.—In dealing with a case of tuberculosis what advice would you give to the patient and his friends? What precautions would you take, and what would you guard against?

4.—What is eclampsia? What are the symptoms which accompany it? How would you deal with an eclamptic convulsion in the district in the absence of a doctor?

5.—How would you prepare albumen water, barley water, beef tea, and whey, with only cottage appliances available?

6.—(a) What are the duties of a nurse appointed to act as Infant Life Protection Visitor?

(b) What are the usual duties of a nurse employed as a School Nurse? State also what you understand by the after-care of school children.

TERRITORIAL FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

Miss Constance Crookenden to be Principal Matron, vice Miss Montgomery, resigned (November 28th).

A CARNEGIE HEROINE.

The gallantry displayed by Miss Elizabeth Holley, of Kingsdown House, a private asylum at Box, when, just over twelve months ago, she endeavoured at great personal risk, to save the life of a female patient, was recognised last week when she was presented with £15 and a certificate from the Carnegie Hero Fund Trust by Mr. J. E. Gladstone, at Corsham Petty Sessions, who warmly congratulated her upon her heroism. Miss Holley has already received the Albert Medal of the second class from His Majesty the King.

BRAVERY UNDER FIRE.

Una reports that Miss Ethel Halley, daughter of the late Rev. J. J. Halley of Melbourne, has been awarded by the Chinese Government a gold medal for "Bravery Under Fire, and Good Work done to Soldiers," a distinction given to only one woman in China. Miss Halley is Matron of the Railway Hospital, Chingkaing, on the Yangtze River.

NURSING ECHOES.

A visit to our hospitals and infirmaries this week makes one wonder where all the lovely flowers and garlands and "brighties" come from. It would be invidious to bestow special praise where all attempt to make each superlative. Perhaps the Children's Hospitals and wards are really most fairylike; but then we know the pixies prefer these haunts—and no wonder—the children have still such faith in their pranks and power. Never before, we learn, has the public contributed gifts more generously to make Christmas Day a real festa for all those away from home. Thousands and thousands of toys, and crackers, and tons of "good things" have been unladen at hospital gates within the week. To say that happiness for ever eludes the human grasp is indeed untrue; it is caught and clasped tight in many little hands on Christ's Birthday—when kindness scatters the jewels of fellowship around.

Mr. J. M. Walker, M.B., of Edgbaston, has bequeathed the residue of his estate, about £30,000, to St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Let us hope that a Nurses' Home, safe and sanitary, so urgently needed, will now be built without delay.

The question of an eight hours' day for nurses in hospitals is always more or less on the tapis. We are informed by Miss Townend that the system has been tried in the nursing home conducted by her, in conjunction with Miss Pine, at 9, Pembridge Gardens, W., and that it has proved eminently successful. The health of the nursing staff has improved, and they are happy and satisfied. The patients also appreciate the attentions of nurses who come on duty brisk and untired. Of course it costs more to have three women do the work of two, but this Miss Townend and Miss Pine are prepared to pay from a sense of duty.

We note that quite a number of Boards of Guardians are shortening the nurses' hours on duty and increasing their pay. Such reforms must be universal, or the shortage of nurses will continue.

At a recent conference held at Brighton towards a friendly agreement between the Queen's Nurses and Approved Friendly Societies, the following resolution was ultimately adopted: "That the Queen's Nurses put forward a scheme whereby patients can pay a

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