

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MILITARY NURSING SERVICE FOR INDIA.

The notification of the retirement of Senior Nursing Sister Miss Ethel Sykes, contained in the *Gazette* of March 14th, is hereby cancelled.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE. TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Georgina Miles is appointed to Hammer-smith as Senior Nurse; Miss Agnes McElhiney, to Cheltenham (Shurdington); Miss Margaret Morton, to Radcliffe; Miss Ruby Radburn, to Swanscombe; Miss Nellie Whitehead, to Cambridge.

MEDALS FOR BALKAN WAR NURSES.

Queen Alexandra will, on Tuesday next, at Marlborough House, distribute the medals struck for the nurses and orderlies who served under the British Red Cross Society in the Balkan War.

PRESENTATION

Miss Ekins, the district nurse at Carisbrooke, who leaves England in a few days to take up school nursing at St. Paul's City, Minnesota, U.S.A., was the recipient recently of a purse containing gifts from 140 friends. It was presented at the Annual Meeting of the Carisbrooke District Nursing Association, when the Chairman, Mr. J. H. Greenfield, and Dr. Thompson, and the Vicar all spoke in eulogistic terms of the work of Miss Ekins amongst the sick poor whose very devoted friend she was. A beautiful bouquet was also handed to the nurse by Mrs. Rashley, of Gunville.

WEDDING BELLS.

Sisters M. A. Dyer and G. M. Whittaker have resigned their connection with the Registered Nurses' Society, owing to their approaching marriages. The former will in the future live in Canada.

QUITE AS IT SHOULD BE.

A special committee of the Romford Board of Guardians, appointed to consider the training of probationers and the Central Midwives' Board Certificate, presented their report. The committee recommended that the Medical Officer and Superintendent Nurse should be authorised to choose the most suitable probationers and nurses trained in the infirmary, to be trained as midwives; and that the selection be carried out solely by them. It was further arranged that the Medical Officer should apply to the Central Midwives' Board, to be approved as a teacher.

A PROTEST MEETING "REPEAL THE ACT."

The National Political Reform League will hold a Mass Meeting in the Queen's Hall, London, on Tuesday, July 8th, to protest against the Prisoners (Temporary Discharge for Ill-health) Act, and to call for its repeal.

We hope to see a goodly number of nurses in uniform at this meeting, to protest against this brutalising form of legislation, which it would be impossible to enforce if women had the Vote.

NURSING ECHOES.

We have received, and shall publish next week, a charming little paper on Bournemouth, by Miss Mollett, more especially addressed to members of the Matrons' Council, which holds its quarterly meeting there on July 25th.

The very suggestive Paper read by Miss E. M. Musson at the Dublin Conference on Post Graduate Teaching for Trained Nurses will appear next week. It is a paper which will repay careful study.

There is some natural disappointment amongst the members of the City and County of London Section of the Territorial Force Nursing Service that they are not to take part in the review by the King on July 5th in Hyde Park, of the London Divisions of the Territorial Force. Arrangements however have been made for members in uniform to see the review from the enclosure—and no doubt many patriotic nurses will attend.

Miss Lückes, the Matron of the London Hospital, brought to the bar of public opinion by Dr. Chapple, on the question of the under-training and sweating of private nurses, at that institution, attempts in Sir Henry Burdett's anti-registration organ to justify her system. No amount of verbose explanation can disprove the facts that the London Hospital undertrains its nurses and then sends them out as private nurses to compete with thoroughly qualified women, nor that, in so doing, it treats them, and the nursing profession as a whole with flagrant and reprehensible injustice.

It was Miss Lückes herself, in the year 1880, who decreased the term of training at the London Hospital from three to two years, and it was this fatal step which has set the whole nursing world in economic antagonism to her depreciation of the three years' standard of training, and its inevitable consequence the competition for equal fees of skilled and semi skilled nurses.

Anything which gives evidence of patriotism in these days—when the hearts of women are hot within them owing to their contemptuous treatment by a Government of material men—has our warm sympathy. We are met so often in these days by the bitter resentment of our best women when inviting their help for schemes for the benefit of the community—"Not a groat until I am recognised as a citizen" "What do I care for a country—where royal women alone are recognised as

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