

intendent of School Nurses, New Westminster, B.C., was elected President. She is a granddaughter of the late Dr. Wright, Professor of Medicine, University of Toronto. She is a very public-spirited woman, who has taken the lead in nursing organization in British Columbia, and is on the Board of Trustees of the Royal Columbia Hospital, New Westminster, and a member of the Women's Council as well. A correspondent writes:—"Miss Wright is a thorough Westerner, and we want all the elections carried West this year, as it will be splendid for the interests of the International Meeting in San Francisco in 1915."

By the bye, when in the spring we lost Sir Ronald Munro Ferguson in an official relation from the registration campaign, we were able to congratulate most heartily our Australasian colleagues upon his advent at the Antipodes as Governor-General. But how about Canada? The nurses in every Province are up and doing, organizing and working for their legal status—which nearly every nurse in the United States has now gained. We fear they will have a hard task in front of them, in so far as His Serene Highness Prince Alexander of Teck is concerned. As Chairman of the Middlesex Hospital, London, he presides over a very reactionary committee which has taken in the past—and is still taking—an active part in opposing the just demands of the nursing profession in this country for State Registration. It may be that His Serene Highness has never studied the question in the old country, where working women receive but scant consideration, but in the Dominion of Canada he will find quite other conditions pertain. We advise the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses, which has lively branches in every Province of the Dominion, to take care that their point of view is presented to their new Governor-General, and that without delay. The "Middlesex" policy would be a "back number" indeed out West.

"Hundreds of women of gentle birth have," says the Paris correspondent of the *Evening News*, "volunteered for service in the field hospitals; ladies are organising accommodation for the wounded soldiers, and in other ways the womenfolk of France are proving themselves worthy of the occasion."

"They are not doing this for show, although it must be admitted that in their white linen dresses and hoods they look very attractive."

"I saw one young military nurse at the Gare du Nord this afternoon. She was the calmest person in the crowd, and when an officious

inspector tried to prevent her leaving the station by an exit which he pretended was not meant for her, she simply pointed to the red cross on her breast and walked through.

"An officer who witnessed the incident rewarded her with a magnificent salute and a look of kindly encouragement."

The nurses trained in the School of the Assistance Publique at Paris, and Dr. Hamilton's pupils at Bordeaux, may be relied on to maintain the best traditions of our profession.

THE ST. GEORGE'S VETO.

Next week we propose to make public, with his consent, the correspondence which has taken place between the Deputy-Treasurer of St. George's Hospital and ourselves in our capacity of Editor of this JOURNAL, in reference to the "undertaking" demanded by the Selection Committee of that public institution prior to the appointment of its new Matron.

LEAGUE NEWS.

Miss A. Smith, the Matron of the Infirmary, Kingston Hill, has sent out invitations to a Garden Party to be held on Thursday, August 6th. This festive gathering, held annually, brings together many friends of the institution, and is always greatly enjoyed by the members of the Nurses' League, through which the certificated nurses keep in touch with their training school, and the probationers are inspired with *esprit de corps*. We are glad to know that there are more Leagues in the air; the more broad is their organisation, the more educative they become. At Kingston Infirmary the Matron has the happy knack of encouraging the nurses to associate and sympathise with others; thus at the annual Garden Party every visitor is sure of a most kindly and hospitable welcome.

GREEK RED CROSS MEDALS FOR MANCHESTER NURSES.

The Red Cross Medals given by Queen Olga of Greece for services in the Greek and Turkish, and Greek-Bulgarian Wars, 1912-1913, to Manchester Nurses, were sent to the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, by the Greek Minister.

On Tuesday, July 28th, Sir William Cobbett, Chairman of the Board of Management presented the Medals and certificates in the Recreation Room of the Nurses' Home; the room had been beautifully decorated by Miss Mundy and a large number of the staff were present as well as the members of the Board and Doctors.

The following Sisters and Nurses are recipients of the honours:—Miss Davidson, Miss Cowie, Miss Scott, Miss Gordon, Miss Green, Miss Bell; Miss Jackson, Miss Sloan, Miss Gooseman, Miss Masson.

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