

### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Miss E. Lerner, late Matron, is permitted to retain the badge of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, in recognition of her services (June 27th).

Miss Ida Marion Saker has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Military Families' Hospital Shorncliffe. She was trained at the Southwark Infirmary, East Dulwich, where she has held the positions of Ward Sister and Senior Night Superintendent. She has also done private nursing in connection with St. Peter's Nursing Institution, St. Alban's; and obtained her midwifery training at the Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot.

Miss A. M. Pearson has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Military Families' Hospital, Devonport. She was trained at the Kingston Union Infirmary, and has done private nursing.

### QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE. TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Ellen Briggs is appointed to Llantarnam and Cwmbran; Miss Mary W. A. Gillmor, to Hebden Bridge; Miss Mary Alice Hawkes, to Bromley; Miss Ada Milner, to Garston; Miss Elsie M. Noel, to Edensor.

### PRESENTATION.

Nurse Forrest, who is leaving New Hartley, Northumberland, for the South of England, was recently the recipient of a silver tea and coffee service and several other handsome presents.

During her record stay of 11½ years in Hartley, Nurse Forrest has won the goodwill and appreciation of all, and carries with her into her new sphere of life every good wish from the inhabitants of Hartley, where she will be greatly missed.

Nurse Tait has been given a purse of gold by the Nursing Committee on her leaving Bishop's Waltham for Canada. The Rector (the Rev. H. E. Thorpe) made the presentation.

### THE ASSOCIATION OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF NURSING HOMES.

We are asked by Mrs. Arthur Stabb to say that the Rules of the Association of Superintendents of Nursing Homes have been sent out to Superintendents in the London districts inviting applications for membership. If any Superintendents have not received a copy Mrs. Stabb will be pleased to send them at once, on application to her at 132, Harley Street, W.

### THE PASSING BELL.

The death, from pneumonia, of Nurse Williams, who worked at Bodmin, Cornwall since her appointment in 1896, with steady, unflagging zeal, winning all hearts by her kindly sympathy, is widely lamented. The whole town mourns the loss, not only of a most excellent nurse, but of a kind and sympathising friend. The funeral took place at Bodmin and was largely attended.

### NURSING ECHOES.

The selection of a new Matron at any of the leading London hospitals with large nursing schools attached is naturally a matter of importance to the profession as a whole, and the announcement that the Committee of St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner, has appointed Miss Elsie Cooper, Assistant Matron at the Royal Free Hospital, to the influential position of Matron, will be received by a large number of colleagues with sincere pleasure. During her ten years' hospital work Miss Cooper has won for herself a high reputation for professional efficiency, and the respect and affection of those with whom her duties have brought her into contact. We congratulate the Committee of St. George's Hospital on their wise choice, and Miss Cooper upon her professional promotion.

It has now been decided that the International Medals, of which 6 are to be awarded biennially to certified nurses who have rendered distinguished services to the State in peace or war, by the International Red Cross Committee, shall bear the effigy of Miss Nightingale.

It is the ambition of every hospital to keep up to date both in methods of work and in necessary implements and furniture for the efficient execution of this work, and many institutions are sorely tried by the increased demand for capital which modern improvements require. The York County Hospital has within the past year expended much time, money, and thought on many alterations and improvements which were most necessary, and have since been much appreciated, especially by the nursing staff, whose enthusiasm has been thus fired with a desire to do their share in the work of reform. With great enterprise and *esprit de corps* they organised a Cake and Candy Fair, which was held on Thursday, June 25th. The opening ceremony took place in the Hospital Board Room, where the nurses had very tastefully set out their stalls of tempting dainties; the Dean of York (the Very Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust), who is President of the Hospital, presided, and the Hon. Mrs. Lumley opened the Fair with a few kind words of approval of the nurses' scheme. After the visitors had made their purchases they were served with tea in the grounds by the nurses, and further refreshment was offered them in the form of strawberries and cream on the shady balcony of the children's ward. The Fair proved a great success, and by six o'clock the stalls were empty, and the sum of over £40.

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