

any inquiry into the cause of the suicide of Miss Charlotte Phipps, late Superintendent Nurse at Barnet Workhouse. We presume one woman more or less, dead or alive, is of very little importance to this hardened State Department. It is proposed to submit an emergency resolution dealing with this tragedy at the forthcoming meeting of the Matrons' Council on October 9th, and we sincerely hope the Infirmary Matrons' Association will take some action also.

Her Excellency Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson, the wife of the Governor-General of Australia, has consented to become Patroness of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association. Lady Helen's intimate knowledge of every argument for and against State Registration, her wonderful facility of speech, and her genuine interest in the uplifting of the profession of nursing, will make her official association with Australasian nurses of the utmost value to their future progress.

At the Annual Meeting of the A.T.N.A. it was agreed to co-operate with Victoria and form the Federal Council in order to affiliate with the International Council of Nurses. The Chairman, Dr. Millard, said the benefits of joining would be considerable, as nurses abroad would often find their status better defined if their country was affiliated to the International Council of Nurses.

Miss Blomfield urged that Australian nurses should have an exhibit at San Francisco next year, and urged that they should be adequately represented at the great International gathering. Owing to want of forethought, Australian nurses had not been properly represented except at the Buffalo Congress. Miss Blomfield's suggestions were agreed to. It will be sad if, after all, the War puts an end to this long-anticipated Meeting of the International Council of Nurses, and Australia and China, both ready to come in, are not included next year in our Federation. Let us hope for the best, but duty may prevent the fulfilment of all our wonderful plans.

### THE PASSING BELL.

We regret to report the death of Miss Lilian Evan Spicer, a daughter of the former Chairman of the L.C.C.

She had been a nurse at the London Hospital, and threw into her work a fine enthusiasm. A long illness and a severe operation did not quench her courage and patience.

### THE NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

As the Nurses' Missionary League Valedictory Meetings are being held as we go to press, we hope to report the interesting proceedings next week. The following is the list of Sailing Members, April, 1914—March, 1915:—

#### SAILING MEMBERS.

- Miss Aitken (W.M.M.S.), trained at Royal Infirmary, Manchester, proceeding to Medak.
- \*Miss G. A. Aste (C.M.S.), trained at Mildmay Mission Hospital, to Old Cairo.
- Miss A. Buck (S.P.G.), trained at Rotherham Hospital, to Delhi.
- \*Miss K. Colley (Church of Scotland), trained at Melbourne Hospital, to China.
- Miss A. Cooper (C.M.S.), trained at Great Northern Central Hospital, to Onistsha.
- Mrs. I. Lewis (B.M.S.), trained at Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester, to the Congo.
- Miss M. R. Cox (C.M.S.), trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, to Hangchow.
- Miss F. M. Garrett (M.C.M.), trained at Greenwich Infirmary, to Brazil.
- Miss A. Griffiths (W.M.M.S.), trained at Royal Infirmary, Manchester, to Burma.
- Miss M. Griffiths (Z.B.M.M.), trained at Portsmouth Infirmary, to Lahore.
- Miss M. F. Guyton (B.M.S.), trained at Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool, to Bhiwani.
- Miss H. A. G. Hawley (American Board), trained at Western Infirmary, Glasgow, to Albania.
- Miss R. C. Heath (American Mission), trained at Great Northern Central Hospital, to India.
- Miss C. Henderson (W.C.M.C.), trained at Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, to Ludhiana.
- Miss E. A. Hines (S.B.M.), trained at Edmonton Infirmary, to S. India.
- Miss I. M. Macready (Z.B.M.M.), trained at Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, to Lucknow.
- \*Miss C. E. Nicholson (C.M.S.), trained at Melbourne Hospital, to Ranaghat.
- Miss R. Oates (C.E.Z.M.S.), trained at General Hospital, Hereford, to Quetta.
- Miss F. A. Patmore (C.M.S.), trained at St. Mary's Infirmary, to Toro.
- \*Miss S. A. Plumb (C.M.S.), trained at Melbourne Hospital, to Chekiang.
- Miss G. Santler (C.M.S.), trained at Royal Infirmary, Bristol, to Kweilin.
- Miss L. A. Stanley (Diocesan), trained at Aston Infirmary, to Sierra Leone.

The plans of all the sailing members are very uncertain, the departure of some of them, and of some of the members who were returning to their stations after furlough, have been postponed indefinitely. Some have offered for service in connection with the War.

Miss Richardson will be At-home to nurses at 52, Lower Sloane Street, on mornings and afternoons of Thursdays, October 8th, 15th, 22nd, and

\* Members marked \* will have sailed before September 30th.

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