

present time was emphasised by the Rev. J. Steele in the closing address, when he urged the need for thoroughly thinking out the truths upon which we base our hope, till they become realities to ourselves, and we are certain of the message which we have to carry to other nations.

The stern realities of these days were also brought to mind by the announcement that a large number of members of the League are now on the Continent nursing the troops, while many more are at work in Territorial and Naval hospitals in this country, while some even of those present were daily expecting orders to go to the front. One of the hostesses in the afternoon, Mrs. Stuart Trotter, came from work in connection with rest-houses for the troops at Chelmsford, and told graphic stories of the gratitude of the men for this service. At the evening meeting the chair was to have been taken by Dr. Gordon Mackenzie, but he had been ordered to the front, and his place was taken at short notice by Mr. McAdam Eccles, who came in his uniform as a Major in the R.A.M.C., and spoke from close knowledge of the great need that there is likely to be in the coming months for nurses for work in connection with the Army.

In spite of these "signs of the times," the main interest of the day centred round the "Sailing Members" who are proceeding to the mission field. The list contained 22 names of nurses going to India, China, Western, Central, and North Africa, South America, and Albania. Ten of these were present during part of the day, and seven spoke a few words, while Miss Richardson briefly described the work to which those were going who were not able to be present. Of the 22 it was cheering to hear that only three are definitely prevented from proceeding to their destinations owing to the war. Various aspects of a missionary nurse's work were dealt with by different speakers. Three members who spoke in the morning all gave as their reason for becoming missionaries the great physical and spiritual need of the people in the mission field, and Miss E. A. Thomas followed with vivid descriptions of the suffering often caused in Persia by the treatment of native doctors, mentioning specially maternity cases, and cases where tight bandaging led to gangrene, necessitating amputation. Dr. Alice Hawker (India) spoke of the need for missionary nurses to train native nurses, especially in view of the fact that Eastern women consider nursing menial work, and in India caste prejudice against such "defilement" is very strong, especially in midwifery. The example of an English nurse doing such work often makes a most wonderful impression and emphasises the words of the evangelistic workers. Dr. Gordon Thompson gave the qualifications of a missionary nurse. She must be resourceful, ready to use whatever comes to her hand, efficient in all branches of nursing work, and with power to train nurses out of most unlikely material. Above all, she must be easy to get on with, and must have in her the "mind which was in Christ Jesus," keen to win the people to Him.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRONS.

Philipson Children's Sanatorium, Stannington, near Morpeth.—Miss Alice B. Booth has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the David Lewis Northern Hospital, Liverpool, and at Monsall Fever Hospital, Manchester, and has held the following posts: Matron, Cottage Hospital, Ramsbottom; Home Sister and Assistant Matron, City Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Matron, Auckland Hospital for Infectious Diseases; and Matron, Conway Penmaenmawr Joint Hospital, Conway, North Wales.

Aldershot Civil Isolation Hospital.—Miss A. Vokes has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. George's Hospital, London, and in fever nursing at the South Eastern Hospital, New Cross. She has been sister at Woolwich Infirmary, Home Sister, Ilford Isolation Hospital, Night Superintendent, Enfield Joint Hospital, and Matron, Reigate Isolation Hospital.

Municipal Maternity Hospital, Bradford.—Miss Isabella Drummond has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Bradford Union Hospital, and has held the following posts: Home Sister and Maternity Sister, Booth Hall Infirmary, Blackley, Manchester; Sister-in-Charge Bradford Union Maternity Hospital, and Children's Hospital, also Night Superintendent at Booth Hall Infirmary.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Brighton and Hove Hospital for Women.—Miss D. E. Cox has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum, and has been Ward, Theatre and Night Sister at the same institution. She received her midwifery training at the Brighton and Hove Hospital for Women.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Barnet Workhouse Infirmary.—Miss Nellie Cockram has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at St. Pancras Infirmary, and has been Superintendent Nurse at Skipton Infirmary, Yorks. She holds the C.M.B. Certificate.

HEALTH VISITOR AND SCHOOL NURSE.

City of Peterborough Education Office.—Miss Gertrude Pameley has been appointed Health Visitor and School Nurse. She was trained at the Isolation Hospital, Burton-on-Trent, and has been First Assistant under the M.A.B. District Nurse, Oldham Town Nurses' Mission, and School Nurse, Lowestoft.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Edith M. E. Jackson is appointed to Whitley Bay, Miss Olga Leknesund to Dewsbury, Miss Margaret Nixon to Clay Cross, Miss Florence Shimmin to Morecambe, Miss M. Clare Stuart to Gillingham, Miss Gertrude Trotter to Gosport.

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