

THE PASSING BELL.

KATHARINE HENRIETTA MONK.

Sister Katharine, of King's College Hospital, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, was laid to rest on the afternoon of Wednesday, February 24th. The previous evening at 9 p.m., her mortal remains were taken to St. Paul's Church, Southampton, where a few mourners, her sister, Miss A. M. Monk, Matron of the Free Eye Hospital, and others, attended. The Vicar, Rev. P. Bowne, read the opening sentences of the Burial Service, and, preceded by a Crucifer, the casket was carried and placed in the chancel, surrounded by six tall candle lights. A few prayers were said and hymn sung.

The Vicar had kindly arranged for relays of watchers throughout the night, until 8 a.m. on the 24th, when a celebration of the Holy Communion was held.

The morning was bright and beautiful, the early rays of sunshine pouring through the East window lighted on the casket on which were lying the cross of lilies and violets from her own sister, a cushion of white flowers with large purple irises, and the word "Rest" in letters of moss, placed at her feet, from some of the former Sisters of King's, the tall cross of white with violets, and white tulips, &c., in profusion, and a similar smaller one from the present nurses at King's College Hospital who once worked under her.

The hymn "Jesus lives! no longer now can thy terrors, death, appal us," and "How bright these glorious spirits shine," were softly sung by choir boys.

Watchers remained throughout the morning up to 1.30 p.m., when the Funeral Service took place, the church then being filled with many friends of

her own and her sister's. The Voluntary, "O Rest in the Lord," was played at the beginning and end of the service, and the hymns were "Abide with Me," and "On the Resurrection Morning." The Vicar read the Twenty-third Psalm, and proceeded with the rest of the Burial Service, the "Nunc Dimittis" being sung.

On leaving the church the mourners were her sister, Miss A. M. Monk, her near relatives and friends, followed by three former Sisters of King's College Hospital, Sister Alice, Sister Mary, Sister

Caroline, and Nurse Cole, who with Nurses Ablett and Hawes of Southampton had shared in the privilege of nursing Miss Monk.

Nurses and members of the Staff of the Free Eye Hospital followed, with Miss Ray, the Matron of King's College Hospital, who represented the Staff of that Hospital, and many others.

On reaching the cemetery the Rev. P. Bowne read the Committal Sentences. The grave was lined with evergreens, the coffin of light, unpolished oak, bearing the simple inscription:—

Katharine
Henrietta Monk.
Born Jan. 2, 1855,
Died Feb. 20, 1915.
R.I.P.

Her own request had been that all should be done as simply as possible. Over fifty-three beautiful wreaths and crosses of all shapes in flowers and laurel were

sent by those who held a noble woman in deep affection and sincere respect.

A memorial service for the late Miss K. H. Monk was also held in the chapel of King's College Hospital, on Wednesday, February 24th, which was attended by the Home Sister, the Matron of No. 4 General Hospital, T.F., Miss Scovell, with Sisters and nurses of the Territorial Staff, and a large number of the present staff of the hospital. Other Matrons, Sisters, and Nurses trained under



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