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THE NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

FORMATION OF NEW BRANCH AT NORWICH.

Miss Thurstan addressed a representative meeting of nurses at Norwich on May 20th, to explain the objects of the N.U.T.N. It was decided to form a Branch, with the following Secretaries and Treasurer:—

Secretaries.—Miss Brunton, County Superintendent; Miss Beckett, Assistant County Superintendent.

Treasurer.—Miss Barnes, Matron, Union Infirmary.

APPOINTMENTS.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Taunton and Somerset Hospital, Taunton.—Miss P. Levington has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal City of Dublin Hospital, and the National Hospital for Paralysis and Epilepsy, Queen Square, Bloomsbury. She has also been Sister at the Royal Mineral Spring Baths, Matlock, and Home Sister at the Belfast Nurses' Home. She is a certificated masseuse.

SISTER-IN-CHARGE.

Government Hospital, Suez—Miss Matilda Oldendorff has been appointed Sister-in-Charge. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Ethel E. Bills is appointed to Cambs. C.N.A. as Assistant Superintendent. Miss Bills received general training at the General Hospital, Nottingham, district training at Bloomsbury, and has the C.M.B. certificate. She has since held several appointments under the Institute, including that of Senior Nurse at Accrington D.N.A.

Miss Rita Boorman is appointed to Glossop, Miss Jessie B. Douglas to Babraham, Miss Fanny Hill to March, Miss Mary Jackson to Great Harwood, Miss Mary S. McKinney to Grimsby, Miss Mary D. McLauchlan to Birmingham (S.H.R.), Miss Alice E. Pennington to Llantarnam and Cwmbran; Mrs. Florence Pond to Swanley, Miss Jessie L. Prestidge to Skegby, Miss Florence Steele to Appleby, Miss Elizabeth Whalley to Accrington.

BEQUEST TO A NURSE.

Miss Lucy Maria Lonsdale, daughter of the Right Rev. John Lonsdale, Bishop of Lichfield, who died recently at St. Leonards-on-Sea, at the age of 95, left £6,500 and certain furniture to her nurse, Miss Mary Donald, who lived with her for many years.

PRESENTATION.

In the out-patients' department at the Royal Sussex County Hospital at a gathering of the patients, the Lady Almoner conveyed to Sister Carr the congratulations and good wishes of the out-patients who had expressed their desire to show some appreciation of her great kindness on her approaching marriage, by presenting her with a wedding gift. Mrs. Gasston made the presentation, which was a silver mounted stationery cabinet, and expressed the good wishes of the donors, and Sister Carr acknowledged the gift with much feeling.

THE PASSING BELL.

The news of the death of Miss Nora Veronica Brett, at the General Hospital, Birmingham, will be received with sincere regret by all who knew and worked with her. She was trained at the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, and afterwards worked as a School Nurse under the Education Committee of the city. She was a member of the Territorial Nursing Service, and was called up for duty at the 1st Southern General Hospital in August last.

Early in March she went off duty and it was hoped that a rest would restore her health. Later she was admitted to a small ward at the General Hospital, Birmingham, and greatly appreciated the care and kindness she received there. She passed away on May 20th, and was buried with military honours at Lodge Hill Cemetery, according to the rites of the Roman Church, to which she belonged. The coffin, covered with the Union Jack, was borne on a gun carriage, drawn by six orderlies of the R.A.M.C. (T.) of her own Faith. The party was in charge of Major Sawyer (Registrar of the 1st Southern General Hospital) and was met at the cemetery gates by Miss E. M. Musson, Principal Matron, Miss K. G. Lloyd, and Miss Karlake, Matrons, and Territorial Sisters and Nurses attached to the 1st Southern Hospital. The staff of the Queen's Hospital was represented by Sister Lillias (Assistant Matron) and other Sisters and Nurses, and School Nurses also were there.

The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside, the grave being near those of the soldiers Miss Brett helped to nurse, and many lovely wreaths were laid there. It seemed very appropriate that she should rest with those whose last hours she had helped to solace at the close of her own career.

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