

Sims received general training at Bristol Poor Law Infirmary, district training at Worcester, and holds the C.M.B. certificate.

Miss Elizabeth E. Briggs is appointed to Whickham (Marley Hill); Miss Emma L. P. Chetwynd, to Dukinfield; Miss Constance M. Edwards, to Caversham; Miss Mary McKay, to Deerness Valley (Waterhouses); Miss Henrietta R. Whealler to Paddington, as Tuberculosis Nurse.

THE PASSING BELL.

It is with great regret we record the death of Sister Isabella French, at the Manchester Royal Infirmary, who passed away on Saturday, 20th inst., after two days' illness.

Her loss will be very keenly felt. She was a most devoted and loyal member of the Nursing staff for 35 years, and leaves behind her a record of duties nobly done. Her life was an inspiration to all, her judgments were always kind, her influence and memory will live long in the hospital.

The interment took place on Wednesday, 24th, at the Southern Cemetery. Previous to this a service was held in the Hospital chapel, which was filled to overflowing by members of the various Boards, Medical and Surgical staffs, past and present nurses, and patients, who came to pay a last tribute to the memory of a most faithful friend.

Miss Sylvia Stephenson, daughter of the late Alderman C. Stephenson, of Wallsend, has, we regret to learn, died from dysentery, contracted at Cairo, while working as a nurse under the British Red Cross Society.

THE HARVARD UNIT.

A unit in charge of Dr. David Cheever, jun., of Boston and Harvard University, U.S.A., with 30 medical men and 36 nurses selected by the Harvard authorities, is now in this country but expects to cross to France to join the Harvard Unit already there early next week.

The following are the nursing staff:—

Miss M. Goodnow (who acted as Superintendent of Nurses during the voyage, and will continue to do so until she hands the unit over to the charge of Miss Parsons, a graduate of the City Hospital, Boston, who has been Matron of the unit in France since April), Mrs. O. Alexander, H. Tolman, I. S. Watson, and the Misses C. B. Akeroyd, M. M. Arcah, V. L. Benjamin, A. C. Birtles, M. F. Copeland, A. G. Creeden, M. S. Davidson, E. L. Edwards, M. C. Fallon, D. Foster, H. E. Fyfe, C. F. Gardiner, G. E. B. Gilbert, C. Goss, M. E. Graver, E. Hambton, I. S. Harkom, F. M. Hocken, C. C. Johnston, E. E. Kellough, I. Kelso, M. E. Linscott, M. M. Logue, E. McBride, M. F. Malley, M. S. Marr, H. P. Peterson, E. B. Shepherd, A. Shepherd, C. Sinclair, E. Sinclair, K. J. Wiseman.

The unit, of whom 10 are British subjects and the remainder American citizens, will work under Colonel Perry. They are now obtaining their uniform in this country, and we are informed are in the employ of the War Office.

NURSING ECHOES.

Mr. Herbert J. Paterson, F.R.C.S., had an excellent letter in the *Times* on Wednesday on "Nurses' Uniforms," called forth by a sense of justice to trained nurses, *re* the protection of the V.A.D. uniform, claiming that "the heroism and devotion of the nursing profession in the face of danger, whether from bombardment, or in sinking ships, in hospitals at the front, or amid the many risks incidental to the ordinary routine of nursing in time of peace or war, not only compel our highest admiration and respect, but entitle the profession to a distinctive uniform which should be a badge of honour, whereas at present a nurse's uniform is too often the becoming disguise assumed by a charlatan or an impostor."

The *B.J.N.* thanks him for this honourable expression of opinion.

Votes for Women says:—"Another tribute to the courage and devotion of nurses, as we have more than once urged, would be to pass their Registration Bill, and thus ensure their professional status. Had this been done before the war, we doubt if it would have been possible to reduce the salaries of nurses at the front, as was done at the beginning of this year."

Two Queen's Nurses who recently applied for service with the French Flag Nursing Corps said, "We applied because we liked what you said this week in the *B.J.N.* about Queen's Nurses—we do learn to be practical and unselfish on the district, and to make the best of things, and we gather that is what will be required of us." There is the whole matter in a nutshell. We would add, drop your insular scales before setting out on your travels, and all will be well.

Miss Béatrice Kent writes from the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, just before leaving for home:—"We returned from Boston on Tuesday after a most delightful visit to Miss Parsons, the Superintendent of the Massachusetts General Hospital. It is famous in more than one way, and has the most perfect system of social service one could possibly hope for. I have picked the brains of so many kind people, to the enrichment of my own, I shall have heaps and heaps to tell you. . . . We (Miss Hulme and Miss Kent) walked in the great suffrage procession here the end of last month, and also went to the suffrage meeting in Boston. The Suffragists are not in the least discouraged by their defeat, because their minority is so much larger. They are as cheerful and as hopeful as can be." We hear from another source that these plucky women

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