

duty; the various military hospitals of the Dominion have been staffed; and there are now 320 nurses belonging to the New Zealand Army Nursing Service.

The great majority of the nurses sent for service under the War Office have been attached to Imperial hospitals, only about ninety being required for the New Zealand hospitals in Egypt.

The nurses did excellent work in Egypt, and the authorities recognized that the training carried out under the system of State registration was the means of qualifying very efficient nurses. In the Imperial hospitals many of the New Zealand sisters were put in positions of responsibility in charge of surgical and medical divisions, working under specialists of world-wide celebrity.

The question of sending Sisters in transports with the troops was at first decided in the negative; but experience proved that while in some cases they were not required, owing to the good health of the men, in others they were very badly needed. It was, therefore, decided that they should go on all troopships. Sisters have also been sent back from Egypt in charge of invalided men and invalided Sisters.

Besides the nurses enrolled by the Government, a large number have gone to England, paying their own expenses, in order to offer their services. These nurses have all been accepted by the War Office, the Red Cross, or the French military authorities, and have done very excellent work, some being specially mentioned in despatches. A number have also been accepted on the staff of the Walton-on-Thames Hospital for New Zealanders, whose first Matron—Miss Tombe—was a New Zealand nurse.

Four New Zealand nurses have been awarded the Royal Red Cross—Miss Nurse, Miss Cameron and Miss Tombe, first class; and Miss Vida McLean, second class.\*

During the year one Sister has died of enteric while on active service; while ten lost their lives in the torpedoing of the transport *Marquette*.

Difficulties arising regarding the management of some of the training schools point to the need of more powers of control by the Registrar of Nurses. This has involved amendments being made to the regulations under the Nurses' Registration Act.

#### MASSAGE.

The Bill for the Registration of Masseurs came up for its second reading during the last session, but was not proceeded with.

It is intended to bring it up again during the present session. The practice of massage has received a great stimulus in the great need for this treatment for the returned wounded soldiers, and it is most important to have some means of recognition of satisfactory training and experience such as has been established by the Dunedin School of Massage.

\*Since this report was issued, other New Zealand nurses have received this decoration.—  
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## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRONS.

**Corporation Hospital, St. Helens.**—Miss Edith Carder has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the City Isolation Hospital, Nottingham, and the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, and has held the position of Sister in the former institution and at the Hospital for Women and Children, Harrow Road, W. She has also been Matron of Bronynant Hospital and of the Auxiliary Military Hospital, Colwyn Bay.

**Manor House Hospital, Folkestone.**—Miss Bertha A. Hope has been appointed Matron. She was trained for two years and certificated at the Manchester Children's Hospital, Pendlebury, and was a Lady Pupil for one year at Guy's Hospital, London, and afterwards Sister at the Children's Hospital, Pendlebury; Matron at the Dulwich House Convalescent Home, Cardiff; Acting Lady Superintendent, Winifred House Convalescent Home, for various periods; Matron of the Auxiliary Military Hospital, The Lawn, Aigburth, and of the Coatham Convalescent Home, Redcar, and the Thorncombe Military Hospital, Bramley. She is a certified midwife, and was decorated with the Royal Red Cross (2nd class) in 1916.

### SISTERS.

**Rochdale Infirmary.**—Mrs. Emily Low has been appointed Sister of a military ward. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, and has held the position of Charge Nurse under the Metropolitan Asylums Board, and Military Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Wigan.

## WEDDING BELLS.

The wedding has taken place at Wimbledon of Mr. Francis Lowther Crofton, Canadians, son of the late Captain the Hon. Francis Crofton, R.N., and Staff Nurse Annie R. Colhoun, third daughter of the late Mr. Robert Colhoun, Derry and Buncrana. Mrs. Crofton is the holder of the Military Medal for bravery during the bombing of a tent hospital at Salonika, and was the subject of special reports to the War Office for her pluck and endurance. On the day following the wedding she was decorated by the King at the Investiture at Aldershot and was presented to the Queen.

## THE PASSING BELL.

Much sympathy will be felt with the relatives of Miss Gladys im Thurn, a Queen's Nurse, who died from shock following severe injuries—caused by a bicycle accident while on duty—at the Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, on August 4th. The cycle side-slipped on the tram lines, throwing her under the wheel of a passing motor wagon. She was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. im Thurn, of 5, Collingham Gardens, South Kensington. The funeral took place on Wednesday at St. Matthias, Earl's Court, and afterwards at Putney Vale Cemetery.

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