

Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow, in moving the adoption of the report, referred to what he described as the new citizenship, especially in relation to the welfare of children. After the war there would be a great social reconstruction, and out of the sufferings endured and the sacrifices made by all classes a new citizenship would arise. But even before the war ended it was surely a work of national importance to begin at once to repair the ravages of war by ensuring that the children of the country would reach a healthy and vigorous manhood and womanhood. He referred also to the proposed registration of nurses, which in itself was not objectionable, but he hoped that nurses engaged in such hospitals and in hospitals for mental and infectious diseases would be eligible for membership as well as those in general hospitals. The administration of such a scheme ought in his opinion to be in the hands of an independent body, so that all interests would be protected.

We learn that the pamphlet "Professional Development and Organization," by the Hon. Albinia Brodrick, is being eagerly read in Ireland. "I was warned against it by the College people in Dublin," writes an Irish nurse, "so, of course, knew it was sound stuff, and am spreading it in outlying districts. The element which governs the College Board is apparently ignorant of the old story of that proverbial pig whose snout was turned in the opposite direction to Cork. *He got there all right!*"

THE PASSING BELL.

We regret to report the sad death of Miss Winifred Down, a probationer at the Royal Free Hospital, W.C., upon whom it was necessary to hold an inquest (on January 31st), at which the jury returned a verdict of "Death by misadventure."

Nurse Down, aged twenty-four, had been at the Royal Free Hospital in training for seven months, and was a most promising, bright and lovable young woman, and very happy in her work.

She was Probationer on night duty in the operating theatres, which, on the night in question, were prepared for emergencies, when the air raid alarm was given, she then proceeded to the wards (the theatres are always evacuated during air raids, owing to their dangerous position), and was on duty in the wards until 2.30 a.m., when the "All Clear" signal having been given, she returned to the theatres to clear them—one of her special duties—and was last seen alive by the night sister at about 2.45 a.m.

At 5 a.m., Nurse Down was due to return to the ward for the morning's work, and as she did not

arrive night sister was referred to and she was found at 5.15 bending over the sink in the anaesthetic room with an open bottle of chloroform in the sink. Life was quite extinct. At the inquest it was stated that the deceased had a fainting attack about a month ago, and Dr. B. H. Spilbury, who made the post-mortem examination, stated that death was due to status lymphaticus accelerated by the inhalation of chloroform. Deceased had inhaled very little and possibly she had turned faint while conveying the bottle to the anaesthetic cupboard.

This tragic death has caused much sorrow throughout the hospital; but we feel sure that her parents and friends may rest assured that this devoted young nurse passed away in the performance of her duty, and, let us hope, with very little suffering.

SOCIETY OF WOMEN JOURNALISTS. SHORT STORY COMPETITION.

The Society of Women Journalists offers three prizes of £10, £5, and £3 for the three best stories sent in by February 28th, 1918. Limit 5,000 words. Entrance fee 5s. Open to men and women. The judge will be W. J. Locke, Esq. For rules apply, enclosing stamped addressed envelope to: "Short Story Secretary," The Society of Women Journalists, 10, St. Bride's Avenue, London, E.C. 4.

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COMING EVENTS.

February 21st.—Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses. Meeting of Executive Committee. 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 1. 4 p.m.

February 23rd.—National Union of Trained Nurses, London Branch; Annual Business Meeting. Address by Colonel Mayo Robson, C.V.O., C.B., F.R.C.S., Consulting Surgeon Southern Command, on "The After Care of the Disabled Soldier." Members free; non-members, admission 6d.; tea, 6d. 46, Marsham Street, Westminster, 3 p.m.

February 28th.—Royal British Nurses' Association: Lecture, Miss Lucy Bell, on "Tales of Old London." 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W. 2.45 p.m.

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