

## THE PASSING BELL.



Miss Godiva Marlan Thorold.

With the death of Miss Godiva Marian Thorold at Warkleigh House, Warkleigh, on January 15th, a remarkable personality in the nursing world has passed away.

Miss Thorold, who was the daughter of the Rev. William Thorold, was for 35 years Lady Superintendent of Nursing at the Middlesex Hospital, having previously gained experience in nursing at University College Hospital. Her

first connection with the Middlesex Hospital was at the time of the Franco-Prussian War, when she did duty for the Lady Superintendent during her leave of absence, subsequently doing holiday duty for her for three successive years, and being appointed to succeed her on her retirement.

Miss Thorold, as a gentlewoman, held a unique position at that time as the head of a large London nurse-training school. She was a woman of affairs and of great ability and force of character. She was accorded the position of Lady Superintendent of Nursing, and was the only Matron of a large London Hospital who went round with the medical staff, this giving her the professional position in the hospital, which was not shared at that time by any of her colleagues in similar positions.

Miss Thorold claimed for nursing a real professional status, but, as was the custom at that time, made a great distinction between the Lady Probationer and the working nurse. The former she often addressed as "dear," and shook hands with on passing through the wards. To the regular nurse she wished "good morning."

Miss Thorold took an active part in helping to found the British Nurses' Association, but when the contest round the principle of State Registration became acute she actively supported the medical honorary officers who at that time dominated the Association. The position was undoubtedly a difficult one for her, as the Medical Honorary Secretary of the R.B.N.A., who was also Resident Medical Officer at the Middlesex Hospital (the late Mr. E. A. Fardon), voted against the principle of registration at a Conference convened by the British Medical Association, claiming that in doing so he was acting on behalf of the Hospital, the Board of which was inimical to State Registration. It was, in short, the old fight of the schools to claim control of the nurses who have passed out of their jurisdiction, a power provided for in the Consultative Board of the College of Nursing, Ltd., at the present time.

Miss Thorold was devoted to the Middlesex Hospital, and, according to her lights, a most efficient officer. She was early on duty and

seldom retired before midnight. She resigned her position at Middlesex in 1905, but is still remembered by many of the staff there, and a memorial service was held in the chapel of the hospital, at which every mark of respect was paid to her memory.

## APPOINTMENTS.

## LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

County Hospital, York:—Miss Margaret K. Steel has been appointed Lady Superintendent. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and has held the position of Night Sister at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, and has been Housekeeping Sister at London Homoeopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, London, and Home Sister and Assistant Matron at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester.

## SISTER.

Victoria Hospital for Sick Children, Hull:—Miss Florence Cartwright has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, received her massage training at the Bristol Royal Infirmary, and holds the certificate of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses. She has been Massage Sister and Assistant Matron at the Brownlow Hill Hospital, Liverpool; and Sister-in-Charge at Gleniffer House, Paisley, W. She has also done foreign service in the Balkans.

## QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL NAVAL NURSING SERVICE.

Sister F. Denning, who was trained at the North Ormesby Hospital, Middlesbrough, has been appointed a Sister in the above service, and is now stationed at Chatham.

## WEDDING BELLS.

The marriage of the Rev. William Geoffrey Munk, vicar of St. John's, Sutton-on-Plym, to Irene Mary Langford, youngest daughter of the late Rev. R. Medley Fulford, vicar of Hennock, Devon, took place at St. Peter's Church, Plymouth, the officiating clergy were the Rev. H. M. Downton, vicar of the parish, assisted by the Archdeacon of Plymouth, and the Rev. W. H. Sharpe, vicar of All Saints.

Miss Fulford, since the mobilization of the Territorial Force Nursing Service, has been working at the 4th Southern General Hospital, Salisbury Road, Plymouth, where she did excellent work in the Theatre and was very popular with both nursing staff and patients.

She looked charming in a simple dress of white crêpe-de-chine and a veil of old family lace. Wounded soldiers from her wards formed a guard of honour outside the church, through which the bride and bridegroom passed, and they drove off from the church in their motor-car amidst rousing cheers.

The gifts of the medical and nursing staffs of the hospital to the bride were a cheque, a cushion, and a copper hot-water can.

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