

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Ann S. Barnett is appointed to Wisbech; Miss Amy Burkin to Exmouth; Miss Rachel Davies to Jewish Maternity and Sick Room Helps Society, as Senior Health Visitor; Miss Ingeborg Hansen to Hammersmith; Mrs. Laura M. Morgan to Hatfield; Miss Florence Randall to Guildford; Miss Sarah Roberts to Garston; Miss Emma Tomlinson to Accrington.

PRESENTATION.

The nurses and ex-nurses of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Co-operation of Trained Nurses met at their headquarters, 18, Sardinia Terrace, Hillhead, on January 25th, to celebrate the semi-jubilee of the institution and to present Miss H. M. Rough, the lady superintendent and founder of the institution, with a cheque as a token of affection and esteem. Nurse Margaret Ross presided. Attention was drawn to the fact that while the Nurses' Co-operation started with three members, the membership was now nearly 200. Of these seventy of the nurses were at present on military service, and many others had joined up, but had to retire through ill-health.

THE PASSING BELL.

Queen Charlotte's Hospital has sustained a severe and irreparable loss in the death of Miss F. Medcalf, which took place in her own bed-sitting room at the hospital, on Sunday, January 20th, after an illness of three months' duration.

Sister Medcalf had given over twenty-four years' uninterrupted service to Queen Charlotte's, as "First Floor Sister"; and ten years ago she was also appointed Assistant Matron, thus largely increasing her work and responsibilities.

It is difficult to speak of what her death means to all those working at the hospital. She so whole-heartedly identified herself with all the interests of the institution and literally spent herself in its service, that she became to all intents and purposes a part of the hospital; in fact, to very many her loss means the severance of the chief personal link with it.

Sister Medcalf was respected and loved by generations of nurses, students and "residents," not to speak of the mothers and babies to whose care she devoted herself. Her sound common-sense, great practical knowledge and unflinching kindness were always available to patients and staff alike; and she was "a very present help in trouble" to many. In very truth, it may be said "we shall not look upon her like again," but her life will long remain a shining example to those who had the privilege of her friendship.

A. F. S.

We regret that the report of the annual meeting of the Matrons' Council on January 25th is unavoidably held over.

NURSING ECHOES.

We hear Sir Henry Burdett and the lay edited Nurses' journals—the Nursing College press—are greatly exercised in their minds at the temerity of the R.B.N.A. assuming the right to call a Conference of representatives of organized Nurses' Organizations, and otherwise, to manage the Royal Corporation of Trained Nurses, without their consent and assistance. The ruthless violation of the professional susceptibilities of the Nursing Profession by the laity, in connection with the College of Nursing and the British Women's Hospital Committee, has aroused a sense of responsibility throughout the more independent sections of the nursing world, which is the most hopeful sign of its future development.

How refreshing is the true professional atmosphere of the *American Journal of Nursing*! We turn from the commercial cringing and quackery of our so-called "nursing press" to the real thing from overseas with vast relief. The New Year has begun well, and we find ourselves in complete accord with the professional aspirations of our American colleagues.

Both the *BRITISH* and *American Journals of Nursing* are official organs of the International Council of Nurses, and the conclusions of Dr. Harold Balme, Superintendent of the Shantung Christian University Hospitals, Tsinau, China, on "The Birth of the Nursing Profession in China," appeals to the editors of both journals. The first and last paragraphs of this illuminating paper will find favour with our readers:

"Among the many dramatic changes which are taking place in China to-day, it is difficult to find any which combine more encouraging elements than the birth of the new nursing profession; and, apart from the immediate claims of the war, it would be difficult to find, in any part of the world, so interesting a challenge and an appeal to highly-trained nurses in America which this movement embodies. It is not too much to say that the nurses who will be in China within the next decade will have the moulding of the nursing profession and the forming of true nursing traditions in their hands. Is it possible to contemplate a life service more truly worth while, or one which will affect the happiness and comfort of a greater number of people?"

"The war, which is rightly claiming our first thought and attention to-day, will not last for ever; and if there is one lesson which it is teaching us more than another, it is to think of our responsibility and opportunity in world terms, rather than confine ourselves within the limits of our own

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