

## REGISTRATION PROPOSALS IN VICTORIA.

Bills for the registration of nurses and of masseurs will be introduced into the State Parliament in Victoria, Australia, in the forthcoming session. It is proposed that the Governing Body under the Nurses' Bill shall be composed of representatives of the medical and nursing professions, the general public, and the Government.

## LEGAL MATTERS.

Eva Grace Thompson, of Blackheath, was again brought up on remand at Greenwich last week, charged with the wilful murder of Kenneth Cedric Goodman, an infant aged eleven weeks, by striking him on the head, on or about June 4th, at the Sydenham Infant Welfare Centre. The prisoner was defended by Mr. G. W. Jones, and Sir Richard Muir appeared for the Director of Public Prosecutions. Miss Muriel Payne, the Superintendent of the Centre, said that the prisoner, a trained nurse, was alone in charge of the patients for several nights.

Medical evidence was given by Dr. Gladstone, Medical Officer of the Centre, and Lieut.-Colonel F. S. Toogood, R.A.M.C., in reference to post-mortem examinations on various children at the Centre whose skulls were found to be fractured.

The prisoner was again remanded.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRONS.

Isolation Hospital, Mortlake, S.W. 14. — Miss Mary Grace Lloyd has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, and held various positions of responsibility before being appointed Matron at the Accident Hospital, Rhymney.

### SISTERS.

St. Mary's Hospital, Plaistow, E. 13. — Miss E. E. Hibberd has been appointed Sister on the Children's Floor. She was trained at the Lewis-ham Infirmary, and has been staff nurse at the St. Mary's Hospital, Plaistow.

## PRESENTATION.

Miss Gregory, who for twenty-one years has held the position of Matron at the Aldershot Hospital, has been presented by the management committee with a solid silver Georgian tea service and salver; and a gold watch has been presented to Mr. W. Wren, its Hon. Secretary, who has also been associated with the work from the start.

## LAVENDER BAGS FOR LINEN CUPBOARDS.

The Editor will be pleased to distribute lavender bags to military hospitals in London, if friends have any to spare. Address to 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W. 1.

## NURSING ECHOES.

Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association will have a specially warm welcome for their Secretary, Miss Isabel Macdonald, who returns to town this week, and who has had during her holiday in Scotland an experience which might not have had a happy ending. Miss Macdonald writes:—"We had a very exciting evening yesterday; we went out to fish without boatmen, and one of the worst squalls the boatmen remember on the loch came on unexpectedly. Oars were no more useful than teaspoons, and we had an exciting hour, twenty minutes of which was a *very* grim struggle. My brother said that had it been a nervous person with him we never would have survived, for every time the boat went down between the waves the least excited movement would have upset it. At last, after a terrific struggle on the part of the two men, we managed to get the boat up to a small island, climbed over the side and waded in. About nine it seemed a little better, so we made for the Castle (Loch Leven) Island, and just managed to reach it, which was consoling, as it meant the shelter of the ruin, and a possible fire if we had to spend the night out there. However, a club had been watching us with glasses from the shore, and later two boatmen came and took us off, but it took all the strength of them and the other two to make the shore. They told my brother very frankly that they would not have cared for him or his friend, but they were not going to let the 'leddy' spend the night out there if it was possible to get back, so don't say the age of chivalry is dead while there are boatmen on the Scottish lochs! When the adventure was over it was entertaining, but at one stage we thought each wave would capsize the boat, and the water touched my fingers as I held on to the side."

Nurse Reid, of Dunleer, has just tendered her resignation to the Ardee Guardians, after thirty years' service. In asking a super-annuation allowance, she stated, says the *General Advertiser*, she had not had an increase in her salary all that time.

Mr. James P. Chrystal, the Chairman of the St. George's Hospital Nursing Association, Bombay, in moving the adoption of the annual report at the Annual General Meeting of subscribers, held in Killick Buildings on June 10th, said, in part:—

"It will be observed from the report that considerable difficulty is being experienced in

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