

IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.**APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY.**

The Irish Nurses' Association have appointed Mrs. Lanagan O'Keefe as Secretary in place of Miss French, resigned.

Mrs. O'Keefe is the widow of a well-known Irish doctor, but before her marriage was a trained nurse. She received her training at St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, and Golden Square Throat Hospital, London. She has experience also in secretarial work, having worked in one of the Local Government Board offices for some time, and at present is supervising clerk in the office of the Mechanical Transport for Ireland. Mrs. Lanagan O'Keefe has kept in touch with nursing matters and takes a keen interest in everything connected with our profession.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL, EXAMINATIONS.

At the recent examinations of third and first years' Probationary Nurses they passed in the following order:—

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION.

1, A. D. Normandale (Gold Medallist); 2, Z. E. French; 3, M. E. Moore; 4, E. Everett; 5, A. Cowell; 6, M. Whitehead; 7, C. Wilcox; 8, J. Ingram; 9, E. A'dous; 10, F. M. Jupe; 11, A. J. Barlow and D. Williams; 13, M. Dingle; 14, M. A. E. Smith; 15, C. C. Duke; 16, F. Young and L. G. Hughes; 18, M. G. Carter and J. L. Procter; 20, A. N. Martin and Kate A. Smith; 22, E. M. Mergerrison; 23, H. F. Pugh; 24, N. M. Jackson; 25, E. H. Holloway; 26, O. Caldecourt; 27, M. O. McLeod; 28, E. G. Labey.

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION.

Nurse W. F. Ledger passed first and was awarded the Prize of Books.

THE PASSING BELL.

We have to record with very sincere regret the sudden death on Friday of Dr. John Biernacki, Physician Superintendent of the Plaistow Fever Hospital, E.

Dr. Biernacki was for many years deeply interested in the higher education of nurses and a consistent supporter of the movement for the State Registration of Nurses. He did much to standardise the training of Fever Nurses, was a founder and a member of the Fever Nurses' Association, which Association he has represented on the Central Committee since its foundation in 1910; he was also a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

In the death of Dr. Biernacki the medical profession has lost a very eminent member and the whole nursing profession a sincere and helpful friend. He was a man of clear thought and steadfast purpose and will be difficult to replace in the councils of the Nurses' organisations with which he has been so long associated for their benefit.

APPOINTMENTS.**MATRON.**

Munition Isolation Hospital, South Shields.—Mrs. S. C. Cowan has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and has been Sister, Night Superintendent, and Home Sister at Belvidere Fever Hospital, Glasgow.

TEACHING SISTER.

General Hospital, Nottingham.—Miss Marie Vaughan Winters has been appointed Teaching Sister. She was trained under the able superintendence of Miss G. A. Rogers, at the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, and has held the following positions:—Theatre Sister, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh; Ward and Theatre Sister and Assistant-Matron, Royal Infirmary, Sunderland; Matron, 3rd Durham V.A. Hospital for Officers, Sunderland.

SISTER.

Aberdare and District General Hospital.—Miss Cecilia Toye has been appointed Sister. She was trained at St. Marylebone Infirmary, London, and has had experience in private nursing in connection with the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

The Infirmary, Hillingdon.—Miss Gertrude Agnes Wickham has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at the Stockport Infirmary, and has been Sister at several infirmaries, and assistant matron and night superintendent at the David Lewis Epileptic Colony, and assistant matron at the Union Infirmary, Edmonton.

RESIGNATION.

Miss Stansfeld, the Chief Lady Inspector of the Local Government Board, has resigned her important office after twenty-one years' service. Her courtesy and kindness to her fellow-workers has marked her association with all, and she has received some very charming tokens of their regard upon her retirement. Her many friends in the nursing work wish her many happy years of leisure after her long spell of public service.

V.A.D. CONTROVERSY.

A most instructive correspondence on the V.A.D. question is raging in the *Spectator*. We hope to boil it down to practical dimensions next week.

CLINICAL THERMOMETER ORDER.

The Minister of Munitions, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, has ordered that no person shall sell, offer for sale, supply or deliver any clinical thermometer which has not been tested, approved and marked, in accordance with the rules, made from time to time by the Controller of Glassware Supply on behalf of the Minister of Munitions and for the time being in operation.

The accuracy of thermometers is a matter of great importance to the sick.

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