

A DESIRABLE APPOINTMENT.

A desirable appointment in the nursing world is now vacant in the Cheltenham General Hospital. For particulars in regard to it we refer our readers to our advertisement supplement.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MILITARY NURSING SERVICE FOR INDIA.

Miss Helen Dorothea Campbell and Miss Margaret Deans Scott have been appointed Nursing Sisters in Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.**TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.**

Miss Miriam Booth is appointed to Charlton; Miss Celia R. Clapson to South Wimbledon; Miss Agnes C. Cottrill to Brixton; Miss Mary Crosse to Leeds (Armley); Miss Ivy A. Fawkes to Manchester (Harpurhey); Miss Eva Markby to Portsmouth; Miss Adelaide J. Pringle to Prestwich; Miss Mary F. Ronchetti to Leeds (Armley); Miss Janet Wilcock to Radcliffe; Miss Edith J. Woodhouse to Charlton.

COLONIAL NURSING ASSOCIATION.**Imperial Institute, S.W. 7.**

The Committee of the Colonial Nursing Association desire to notify that at a meeting of the Executive Committee, held at the Imperial Institute on Wednesday, June 5th, 1918, the following Resolution was unanimously carried:—

"That from and after the date of the next General Meeting (July 3rd, 1918), the name of the Association shall be the Overseas Nursing Association."

By Order of the Committee.

EDITH CAVELL HOMES.

A large number of applications are being received from nurses by the committee of the Edith Cavell Homes of Rest for Nurses, of which Queen Alexandra is the patron, and new homes are in the course of being opened. Funds are urgently required. Subscriptions should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, 25, Victoria Street, S.W.

PRACTICAL POINTS.**Vaseline in Ether Anesthesia.**

"M.P.A." writes in the *American Journal of Nursing*: "Carbolised vaseline applied to the nasal mucosa has been found to overcome post-operative vomiting and to do away with the unpleasant taste of ether while taking it and afterwards. It is not infallible, but in a number of cases it has been most successful and is worth trying."

AN INTERESTING ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. J. S. Wood, the Chairman, has purchased the entire interest in *The Gentlewoman* and the Press Printers, Ltd., held by Mr. Alex. J. Warden, who has now no connection with either company.

NURSING ECHOES.

The Report of the Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital for 1917 remarks:—

"The inadequate and unsatisfactory housing of the Nurses in the Hospital is a subject to which I have referred on numerous occasions, and in my Report for 1916 I expressed the opinion that the provision of a suitable Home must be dealt with immediately upon the termination of the war.

"I fully realise that the task of raising a large sum which will be required for this purpose will be an extremely difficult one, but I would urge that, as a preliminary, a Special Committee should be appointed forthwith to consider the question of a site, arrange for the preparation of plans, and advise as to the means to be adopted to obtain the necessary funds for the erection of the building.

"The urgency of this matter is naturally more apparent to those actively engaged in the administration of the Hospital, and I venture to think the views I have expressed will be fully endorsed by my colleagues, the Almoners, and by those members of the Visiting Governors' Committee whose duty it is to periodically inspect the existing accommodation."

The fact is that the housing of the Nursing Staff at St. Bartholomew's Hospital is quite inadequate and the sanitary arrangements obsolete. Upwards of thirty years ago the question of providing a Nurses' Home was under the consideration of the then Treasurer and Almoners, and that a catastrophe from fire has not happened is more from good luck than good looking for; there has been more than one narrow escape. Again, the Nursing School attached to the hospital has been most seriously handicapped for need of proper classrooms and teaching facilities for many years past. The neglect of the Nurses' interests in these particulars at the premier royal hospital in the Empire is a lesson to the community that no class of worker should be entirely left to the mercy of irresponsible employers, however benevolent in intention. The sooner we have a Ministry of Health, responsible for the expert inspection of every institution where sick people are attended, the better. Generations of professional women will then be protected from the control of philanthropists where education is concerned, and conditions of housing dangerous to life. His Majesty the King, who is President of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, expressed his solicitude for the health and comfort of Nursing Staffs of Hospitals in Lord Stamfordham's

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