

the patriotic colours, stood, bearing a placard inscribed—

#### DANCING ON THE DEAD.

"Patriotic Nurses protest against money being raised in their name by a Victory Ball before our splendid men are cold in their graves."

In the unfair fight between the employers with the power of wealth behind them, and the under-paid and overworked trained nurses, the former can secure the interest and support of the press at sumptuous luncheon parties and teas organized for the purpose; the nurses cannot employ this method of placing their case before the public, for their scanty salaries in most instances barely suffice to supply their needs, but personal service they can and do give, and the public are with them. While many expressions of sympathy were heard, as men and women stopped to read the posters, not one voice was raised in defence of the heartless section of society in making the nursing profession their excuse for this ill-timed festivity.

### APPOINTMENT.

#### MATRON.

The Welsh National Hospital, Netley.—Miss Helen Mary Akerigg has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and has been Matron of Clayton Court Auxiliary Hospital, Liss, Sister at the 1st Southern Hospital, Birmingham, as a member of the Territorial Force Nursing Service, Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Fleet, Hampshire, Acting Matron of the Cray Valley Hospital, and Sister at St. George's Hospital, London.

### PRESENTATION TO MISS M. HEATHER-BIGG, R.R.C.

On Tuesday evening last the Sisters and nurses of Charing Cross Hospital assembled in the Lounge of the Nurses' Home at 9 o'clock, to present their Matron, Miss Heather-Bigg, with tokens of the affectionate regard of members of the past and present Nursing Staff, on her retirement.

Sister Annie (Miss Pike) made the presentation, comprising a silver-plated tray, suitably inscribed, with coffee pot and milk jug, and a silver sugar basin, with a morocco-bound book containing the names of the subscribers, and a box of goodies.

In thanking them warmly for their beautiful gift, Miss Heather-Bigg said that the high standard set during her 16 years tenure of office had been greatly due to the good work and feeling of the nursing staff; they had never had any disagreeables but had always worked together for the good of the patients.

She counselled the nurses always to receive and treat the patients as they would their own mothers

and sisters, and to be true to themselves, and not to evade rules because they thought they would not be found out, but to be good women and good nurses.

She then presented to Sister Annie a fitted writing case, with the love and affection of the donors, and spoke warmly of the help she had received from her in the work.

Tea, by invitation of the Sisters, was then served, and a pleasant ceremony concluded with three cheers for the Matron, followed by three for Sister Annie.

Other gifts on view were a pewter card basket from the Secretary, Mr. Alvey; a beautiful weekend case from the outside workers; an attaché case from Miss Rees (a war probationer); and a black cat, made and presented by the soldier patients in Worcester Ward. The clerks, domestics and charwomen are also presenting a fitted work-box and a thermos flask.

### PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES.

At the Whipps Cross Infirmary, Leytonstone, on November 13th, the annual distribution of medals and certificates took place. The Chairman of the West Ham Board of Guardians—Mr. A. Lewis Evans—supported by members of the Board, was in the chair, and gave a short history of the training school, founded when the new Infirmary was built thirteen or fourteen years ago.

The medals and certificates were then presented by Lady Simon to the following recipients:—

*Gold Medal and Certificate* (awarded for the highest marks): Nurse Bertha Jane Maddock.

*Silver Medal and Certificate* (awarded for the second highest marks): Nurse M. E. Marsh.

*Bronze Medal and Certificate* (awarded for the third highest marks): Nurse W. O. Clarke.

*Certificates*: Nurses Austin, Ayton, Bailey, Baker, Barker, Blackmore, Boddington, Buffee, Chapman, Cooper, Cornwell, Courts, Cullen, Curtis, Dabbs, Foley, Foster, Garner, Gudgin, Hansford, King, Lafferty, McArd, McKeller, Page, Pratt, Richardson, Riley, Soames, Stokes, Taylor, West.

### THE PASSING BELL.

At St. James' Church, Brighton, on November 15th, a Requiem Service was held for Sister Daisy Ethel Cox, Assistant Matron at the Brighton and Hove Hospital for Women. She was beloved in the district where she had done midwifery for years, and much appreciated by the Committee as a valuable member of the hospital staff. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Breton, and was attended by many members of the nursing staff of the hospital. The funeral took place on Monday, November 18th, at Chard, in Somerset.

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