

ment, 70A, Perry Place, Oxford Street, W. 1, after the requirements of your local hospitals have been met.

I believe that the formal demobilisation of your Work Party is to take place on the 1st February, but if the Party or any members of it would continue their good work for a little longer, and in this way help the Nurses who have done so much for others, and who have thought so little about themselves, I should be most deeply grateful. All parcels that you are kind enough to send should be addressed to Miss May Beeman, 10, West Bolton Gardens, S.W. 5.

I should like to repeat what I said at the beginning of my letter, that I am not writing this in any official capacity; I hope, as Chairman of the Joint War Committee, to have an opportunity, at some date in the near future, of conveying to you and your Work Party the thanks of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John for all the work that you have done during the past years, and to express to you their very high appreciation of the invaluable services that you have rendered to the sick and wounded men of His Majesty's Forces.

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR STANLEY.

### THE PASSING BELL.

On Sunday afternoon last there passed away Miss Eva E. C. Lückes, who, for thirty-nine years, has held the position of Matron at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, E.

Miss Lückes entered Middlesex Hospital for training upwards of forty years ago, but found the work as a regular probationer too strenuous. She then entered for the year's training given at Westminster Hospital, and for three months was Night Sister at the London Hospital, proceeding as Lady Superintendent for a short period to the Hospital for Children at Pendlebury. This was in the days of pioneer nursing, and a controversy with the Medical Staff made her resignation obligatory. After a short period of work at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, Miss Lückes was appointed Matron of the London Hospital in 1880, upon the retirement of Miss Swift.

Miss Lückes was a woman of considerable individuality, who conducted the Nursing Department at the London in her own way, and from a financial standpoint greatly to the benefit of the charity, and it was no doubt due to her foreign psychology, that her autocratic methods did not always find favour with her British subordinates. Miss Lückes was a consistent opponent of the movement for the organisation of trained nursing by the State, and fought strenuously against any form of State Registration of Nurses, and the professional evolution which she realised would result. To hold office for close on forty years with absolute power is granted but to few mortals. Miss Lückes was favoured in this respect, and has passed away full of years and honours.

The King and Queen have sent the following message to Viscount Knutsford, chairman of the hospital:—"The Queen and I are grieved to hear of the death of Miss Lückes, and condole with you and all connected with the London Hospital in the irreparable loss of one whose life has been devoted to this noble and unbounded work of mercy."

The Cremation Service was held at Golder's Green on Wednesday. The burial service is to be held in the Hospital Church, St. Philip's, Stepney, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, 22nd inst.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**Cornelia Hospital, Poole.**—Miss M. J. Lambert has been appointed Matron. She has previously held the position of Operating Sister in the same institution.

**Convalescent Homes, Perranporth, Cornwall.**—Miss Edith M. Jordan has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, where she held the positions of Ward, Theatre, and Night Sister. She has also been Sister-in-Charge and Deputy-Matron at the Women's Hospital, Nottingham.

**Dispensary and Cottage Hospital, Ripon.**—Miss Amanda Wake has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Clayton Hospital, Wakefield, and has since held a position of responsibility at the General Infirmary, Harrogate.

### QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

#### TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Annie Holden is appointed to Sheffield, as Assistant Superintendent.

Miss Annie M. Breakell is appointed to Chesterfield, as Senior Nurse.

Miss Mabel Byard is appointed to Reigate; Miss Martha Reeve, to Reigate; Miss Ethel Cole, to Grantham; Miss Jean B. Macaulay, to Chelsea; Miss Elsie Sharman, to Kilburn; and Miss Annie Willetts, to Chelsea.

## LORD MAYOR'S CHALLENGE.

### ST. MARK'S HOSPITAL.

The Lord Mayor, presiding at the Annual General Meeting of the Governors at St. Mark's Hospital, City Road, on Thursday, February 13th, referring to the £800 still required to acquire the vacant building site adjoining the Hospital, said he would be very glad to give £50 if the balance could be raised by March 13th.

The Report showed that beside the ordinary patients a number of wounded soldiers had been treated during the past year—many of them straight from France with most shocking injuries to the abdomen which had necessitated their being kept under treatment for very long periods—some for over eight months. But all those patients, except one, had been discharged fit for duty. The War Office was very pleased with the results. The Ministry of Pensions was arranging to send other patients.

During the year 1918 the total number of new out-patients was 1,479. The number of in-patients admitted during the same period was 705.

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