

### THE PASSING BELL.

A funeral service for Miss Eva Lückes, late Matron of the London Hospital, was held in St. Philip's Church, Stepney, last Saturday morning conducted by the Bishop of Stepney. Her remains were cremated, and the urn in which the ashes were gathered will be built into the wall. Queen Alexandra was represented at the service and the nursing staff from the hospital, together with many nurses from outside, attended. Some beautiful floral tributes were grouped around the urn.

### UNDERMINING THE INDEPENDENCE OF TRAINED NURSES.

The Committee of Actresses running the "Nation's Fund for Nurses," which has our professional status in tow, received £16,520 as the result of the Victory Ball, made famous by the "doping" exposé in the Courts.

Writing from the College of Nursing, Ltd., 83, Pall Mall, S.W., the office of the British Red Cross Society, Sir Arthur Stanley acknowledges a cheque for £3,848, the profits from the Manchester Victory Ball for the benefit of the Nation's Fund for Nurses. Thus these two unseemly "kick-ups" have produced the sum of £20,368 18s. 7d. Charity doles must inevitably undermine both the self-respect and economic independence of any class of workers organised by them.

A correspondent writes:—"When at Rye, in Sussex recently I saw on the Church notice board they had had an offertory on the previous Sunday for the College of Nurses." Appeals are being made in other places of worship.

Presumably all grist is welcome to the College mill.

### WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL.

A meeting of the Governors of Westminster Hospital was held on February 18th, Lord Glenconner presiding. It was moved by Sir James Purves-Steward, M.D., in a comprehensive speech, and seconded by Sir Thomas Butler, who spoke on the financial position, that it was desirable that the Hospital should be amalgamated with King's College Hospital. To this an amendment was moved by Sir Henry Craik, and carried unanimously, that the Distribution Committee of the King's Fund should be asked to inquire into the whole matter with a view to advising the Governors.

### ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE.

The Royal Sanitary Institute have arranged a Conference on "Post-War Developments Relating to Public Health," to be held on March 13th, 14th, and 15th, at which the following subjects will be brought forward for discussion:—

- "City Hygiene in Relation to Employment."
- "Housing for City Clerks and Similar Workers."
- "Public Health Aspect of Tuberculosis."
- "Public Health Work and Propaganda."
- "Welfare Work in Factories."
- "Child Welfare Work."

### INFANT WELFARE.

The London Federation of Infant Welfare Centres has recently been established to promote the common interests of London centres, and afford them opportunities for consultation and co-operation. It will form part of the federal system of the Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres which deals with the country generally. The Lord Mayor of London has become President, and the Duchess of Marlborough a vice-president of the Federation. A council consisting of representatives from the City and Metropolitan boroughs has been elected by the centres, and has appointed an executive committee, of which Sir Henry Harris, M.P., is chairman.

### BOVRIL, LTD.

Mr. George Lawson Johnston (Chairman), presiding at the annual general meeting of Bovril, Ltd., on February 20th, said he had referred last year, at length, to the increase in the cost of food, but during 1918 all records had been broken. Most people would agree that much of the discontent and unrest so evident during the past year had been owing to the increased cost of living and the higher prices of the food of the people. The question would not be settled by raising wages to correspond with the high prices of food, but by keeping prices down wherever possible.

Though beef was above its pre-war value, Bovril, Ltd., had kept the Bovril flag flying as a national food and had not raised its price. That was an attainment which would redound to the credit of the Company for years to come, and the shareholders had every right to feel they had assisted in a laudable and patriotic course of action.

### COMING EVENTS.

*March 1st.*—Irish Nurses' Association. Annual General Business Meeting, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. 7.30 p.m.

*March 11th.*—Ministry of Health Watching Committee. Public Meeting on the Representation of Women in the Ministry of Health, Central Hall, Westminster. Chairman, The Vicountess Rhondda. 7.30 p.m.

*March 13th.*—Royal British Nurses' Association. Inauguration of Nurses' Club, Mansion House. The Lord Mayor will preside. Supporters: The Marchioness of Ailsa, the Viscountess Rhondda, Mrs. Lloyd George, Lord Morris, Major the Hon. Waldorf Astor, M.P., and Admiral Sims.

*March 17th.*—Irish Nurses' Association. Social Meeting. Dancing. Prizes for best Fancy Dress. 7.30 p.m.

### NOTICE.

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