

quite unjustifiable influence to gather all the members of the League under the control of the College of Nursing, Ltd., and in telling her staff the College has a "democratic constitution," Miss Alsop does *not* inform them that it provides that the Council can remove them from the register *without any appeal*. This provision is neither democratic nor *safe* for working women.

#### A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE.

Miss F. Clifton, who is now a sister at the Stoke War Hospital, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, has been awarded a 1914 Star, which is granted to nurses who were in service in the early stages of the war. Nurse Clifton has been in three retreats. First she was in the retreat from Antwerp, where she had gone with Mrs. Stobart's unit. They left the city in flames, and were about the last women to quit. In the retreat in Serbia she was accidentally wounded by a Serbian soldier, and as a result had to be left behind, and was kept a prisoner in Belgrade for five weeks. On her return to England she volunteered for Russia, with Lady Buchanan's unit, and was in the retreat from Galicia, when it was invaded by the Germans.

If we were Miss F. Clifton we should now make an effort to see the Allies pour through the Brandenburgher Tor, and down Unter den Linden, when they enter Berlin. That should be some compensation for her unique experience whilst caring for the sick and wounded on three fronts.

#### RESIGNATION AND PRESENTATIONS.

Miss K. M. Buckingham, who has been Matron of Halstead Cottage Hospital for the last six years, has resigned. Before her departure she was presented by the chairman of the Management Committee, on behalf of a large number of the public of the town and neighbourhood, with a testimonial in appreciation of her valued services and her skill as a nurse, many of her former patients being among the subscribers. The gift took the form of a note-case containing the sum of £65 18s. 4d.

Miss Berry, Matron of Surbiton Hospital, has been presented by the governing committee of that institution with a silver toilet service, in recognition of her work during the recent influenza epidemic, when she had the entire care of the patients, owing to the whole nursing staff being incapacitated from duty.

#### HOLIDAYS FOR NURSES.

A special week's holiday is to be given to nurses who have been in the service of the Camberwell Guardians for more than three years, in view of the great strain on the staff during the period of air raids and the influenza epidemic.

Few people realize the splendid work done by civilian nurses at home during the last four years. Their care for the safety and comfort of their patients during air raids, and forgetfulness of their own, and the way they "carried on" during the day, after anxious hours on duty during a raid night, should be put on record.

## APPOINTMENTS.

#### MATRONS.

**Ashburton and Buckfastleigh Cottage Hospital.**—Miss Jessie M. Taylor has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Chester, and has been Sister at the Monsall Fever Hospital, Manchester, and the Hospital of St. Cross, Rugby.

**Royal Victoria and West Hants Hospital, Bournemouth.**—Miss A. E. Ellis has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the East Sussex Hospital, Hastings, and has been Sister at Lyme Regis Cottage Hospital, and Matron of the Axminster Cottage Hospital.

#### HOME SISTER AND DEPUTY MATRON.

**Ladywell Sanatorium, Salford.**—Miss Ellen H. Wilding has been appointed Home Sister and Deputy Matron. She was trained at the Blackburn Infirmary, where she subsequently held the position of Charge Nurse in the Children's Ward in that Institution. She has also been Sister at the Ladywell Sanatorium, and at the Leasowe Children's Hospital, Cheshire.

#### NIGHT SISTER.

**General Hospital, Great Yarmouth.**—Miss D. Philpott has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, London, and has been Sister-in-Charge at Bignor Park V.A.D. Hospital, Pulborough.

#### SISTERS.

**City of Westminster Infirmary, Fulham Road, S. W.**—Miss Annie Louisa Wood has been appointed Sister. She was trained at Shirley Warren Infirmary, Southampton, and has been Staff Nurse at Norfolk War Hospital.

**Ladywell Sanatorium, Salford.**—Miss Ethel M. Wilson has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Sheffield Union Infirmary, and has held the position of Staff Nurse at the South Eastern Fever Hospital, and of Sister at the Sheffield Union Infirmary, the Norwich Fever Hospital, the Lodgemoor Hospital, Sheffield, and the Monsall Fever Hospital, Manchester.

#### SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

**Workhouse Infirmary, Lincoln.**—Mrs. D. Manley has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at the Warrington Union Infirmary, where she has been Ward and Night Sister and Acting Superintendent. She has also been temporary Superintendent Nurse at Minster Union Infirmary.

#### LADY HOUSEKEEPER.

**Manchester Royal Infirmary.**—Miss F. Sillitoe has been appointed Lady Housekeeper. She was trained at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich, where she has held the positions of Ward Sister and Housekeeper. She goes to Manchester, a much larger charge, with a fine record of fourteen years' faithful service to her credit at Norwich.

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