Miss Nora Fletcher, the principal matron in France during the war, is to superintend the selection and preparation of the articles selected to be shown, in the rooms set apart at the London Museum, dealing with the various organisations centred round the Joint War Committee. Representative uniforms of all ranks will be included in the exhibit.

PRESENTATION TO MISS MARSTERS.

Miss S. M. Marsters, Superintendent of the Marylebone and Paddington District Nursing Association, and Commandant of the London 34th V.A.D. detachment of the British Red Cross Society, Marylebone Division, has just been presented with a gold watch by about forty V.A.D. nurses in appreciation of her work during the nine years she has been Commandant of the detachment. The presentation took place in Miss Duguid's suite of apartments at 55, Manchester Street, when reference was made to the spendid work performed by Miss Marsters before and during the war, and a tribute paid to her universal popularity.

WAR MEMORIAL.

The name of Nurse Ellen Lucy Foyster has been received by the Borough of Islington War Memorial Fund for inscription in the entrance hall of the memorial extension of the Great Northern Central Hospital. Nurse Foyster, who was drowned in the Hospital Ship "Salta" in 1917, was trained at this Hospital, 1908-1912.

A JUTLAND MEMORIAL COT.

Archdeacon Ingles, Chaplain-General to the Navy last Monday dedicated a cot at the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, to the memory of the officers and men who went down with H.M.S. Black Prince in the Battle of Jutland on May 3 1st, 1916. The Cot, which had been supported by the ship's company for many years, prior to the war, had been fully endowed by relatives of the lost officers and a number of the subscribers assembled on the occasion. Admiral E. R. Fremantle, in unveiling the tablet that had been affixed to the old Cot label bearing a large photograph of the ship, drew attention to the interesting fact that in the days of Queen Victoria when there were long periods of so-called world's peace, two out of every three British Naval officers could show wounds obtained on active service, the fact being that the British Empire was constantly engaged in little wars on its farflung boundaries.

The ceremony took place in "Little Folks' Ward," and the Archdeacon was assisted by the Hon. Chaplain of the Hospital, the Rev. E. S. Burrows. The Chairman of the House Committee, Mr. J. Meller, thanked the subscribers on behalf of the Hospital, and the beautiful wards, well filled with little patients, were subsequently inspected.

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

The Valedictory Meetings of the N.M.L. to wish God-speed to 34 members sailing for the Mission Field this year were held on October 1st at University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C.

MORNING SESSION.

The Morning Session, at which there was a good attendance specially representative of the different hospitals, was entirely devotional, the subject being "The Gospel of Peace." The conductor was the Rev. J. O. F. Murray, D.D., Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge, who cycled from Cambridge in order to fulfil his engagement. Dr. Murray spoke of our "high calling," and the challenge of the time, emphasising that everything focused on Christ, "the Hope of the world." His address was deep and helpful.

AFTERNOON CONVERSAZIONE.

At the Conversazione the hostesses were Mrs. Sharpe, Mrs. Sturge, Mrs. Taylor Sang, and Miss E. M. Smith (China).

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Miss E. V. Hope of Hinghwa, S. China, gave an extremely interesting account of her work, and of the training of native nurses. One of the nurses whom she trained passed first with honours in all China in her examination. The standard of three years' training is now in force in the Mission Hospitals in China, and there is a Central Examination.

EVENING SESSION.

At the Evening Session the subject was "The Challenge of To-day's Opportunities," and the Chairman, Lieut.-Colonel W. McAdam Eccles, spoke well on the professional side of Nurses' work, showing that in missionary work not only medical and surgical training, but the certificate of the Central Midwives Board and a knowledge of operative midwifery, dispensing, and the administration of anæsthetics were invaluable. He referred also to the establishment of the Ministry of Health and to the question of the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

Miss Richardson, presenting her report as Secretary, said that 400 members of the League had been on active war service. Some had given their lives in the service of their country, but she thought an even greater sacrifice was that of the members who had given their health, and had now to face the prospect of disablement and poverty.

The sailing members present each spoke for a few minutes, and the closing address, on "The Greatness of the Opportunity," was given by the Rev. C. B. Bardsley.

SALE OF WORK.

A Sale of Work on behalf of The Nurses' Missionary League will be held at Sloane Gardens House, 52, Lower Sloane Street, London, S.W.I, on Saturday, November 15th, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Members and friends are invited to help to make the Sale a success by coming themselves, and making it widely known.

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