

### QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

#### TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Katherine Hall is appointed to Reading as Assistant Superintendent; Miss Louisa K. Twidell is appointed to Paddington as Assistant Superintendent; Miss Florence May is appointed to Manchester (Harpurhey) as Senior Nurse; Miss Janet Arnott is appointed to Farningham; Miss Dora H. Bennett to Castle Gresley; Miss Blanche E. Cholmondeley to Gosport; Miss Mary Delve to Newton Heath; Miss Sybil Escombe to Ramsgate; Miss Harriette Fowkes to Paddington; Miss Elizabeth Hadfield to Denton; Miss Margaret Hind to Boxgrove; Miss Dymphna Leahy to Six Mile Bottom Estate; Miss Elizabeth Leonard to West Sussex C.N.A., as School Nurse; Miss Catherine MacQuarrie to Norton-in-the-Moors; Miss Ethel Pickering to St. Austell; Miss Ada Powell to Shifnal; Miss Fanny Purseglove to Northampton; Miss Elizabeth Rowbotham to Swavesey; Miss Ann H. Smith to St. Olave's; Miss Hannah A. Walton to Birmingham (Summer Hill Road) Branch Home.

#### COUNCILLOR AMY HUGHES.

Miss Amy Hughes (Municipal Reformer) has been elected a Borough Councillor in the Victoria Ward of Westminster. Her knowledge of social conditions gained during a varied nursing experience, and especially as a Queen's Nurse, Certified Midwife, Superintendent of a Poor Law Infirmary, and until recently General Superintendent of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, should make her advice of value. She has also an intimate knowledge of conditions in Westminster, having worked as a Queen's Nurse in the area for some years.

### INTERNATIONAL NEWS.

#### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ITALIAN NURSES.

In our issue of this JOURNAL for July 5th we referred to the newly-formed "National Association of Italian Nurses" in Rome, of which Her Majesty Queen Elena is Patron and the Contessa Terni de Gregory is the chosen President-General for the year 1919. The office is only held for one year.

It must be remembered that at present there are but few trained Nurses in Italy, so we are not surprised to learn that the qualification for membership is not confined to fully qualified nurses; it is a "National Association of Italian Nurses," not Italian *trained* nurses. That will no doubt come in time, because it is obvious that rapid progress is being made. In a recent letter we have received from the Contessa, she writes: "Practically *all* the trained nurses and most of the leaders of the Red Cross Society and other bodies of voluntary nurses and V.A.D.'s are members—(there are very few trained nurses, so far, in Italy). Miss Gardner was present at our first meeting and said a few words of warm congratulation and encouragement. Of the four-

teen *first* Italian Public Health Nurses trained by Miss Gardner and her staff, ten have already become members of the National Association."

When nurses organize themselves, they are not long in discovering that they cannot get on very fast, or proceed very far on the upward grade of progress, until they have a voice in the Press; so this valiant little body of progressives have founded their own monthly magazine for that purpose. We are grateful to the Contessa for sending us the two first numbers, in the first of which she contributes the foreword; a generous tribute is also given to the work of Miss Gardner and her assistant, Miss Thomson. It is a neat little publication, well edited by V. Moretti, containing interesting articles—one of which is written by Professor Gherardo Ferreri—*notices* and information, and all the usual make-up of a properly edited journal. Inspired by the international spirit which has, we feel sure, been nurtured by the incidence of the Great War drawing nurses of the Allies in closer touch with one another, we warmly congratulate our Italian sisters on their enterprise and commendable progress; and we trust the time is not far distant when we shall have the pleasure of meeting them at one of our international gatherings.

#### THE "LIFE AND RACE" SERIES OF BOOKS.

This series of books by men and women whose names are a guarantee that they are carefully and discreetly written, while being educationally complete, will serve a very useful purpose in giving a correct knowledge of sex questions. They are published by the Health and Efficiency Publishing Co., 19-20, Ludgate Hill, E.C.4., from which complete lists may be obtained. Orders should be addressed to Department 147. The series includes "Matrimony, its Obligations and Privileges," "Manhood," "Womanhood," "How to Love, the Art of Courtship and Marriage," "Sexual Physiology," and "The Origin and Nature of Sex." Nurses, who need to possess accurate knowledge on these subjects, should find the series most helpful.

#### COMING EVENTS.

*November 20th and 21st.*—Royal School of Art Needlework. H.R.H. Princess Christian will hold the Christmas Present Sale and will personally preside each day. Exhibition Road, S.W. 2.30 to 6.30. Admission free.

*November 21st.*—Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses. Meeting Executive Committee. 4 p.m.

*November 28th.*—Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund. Sale of Work to be opened by Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, 67, Eaton Place, S.W., by kind permission of Mrs. Montague Price. 12 noon.

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