

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MILITARY NURSING SERVICE FOR INDIA.

Miss M. Wilson and Miss C. Tracey Smith have been appointed Nursing Sisters.

THE BELFAST INFIRMARY.

The Belfast Guardians referred back to the Infirmary Committee the question of appointing a lady superintendent nurse, and notice of motion was given for the appointment of Miss M. E. Campbell, assistant superintendent, for six months, at a salary of £175. Two English ladies had refused the position on the ground that the Superannuation Acts did not apply to Ireland, and Miss M. Kerr, Belfast, the other candidate, said she would not accept unless the board was unanimous. The M.O.'s had agreed that the salary should rise from £175 to £225, with rations and apartments.

SCOTTISH BOARD OF HEALTH. EXAMINATION OF NURSES.

On November 4th and subsequent days the Scottish Board of Health held an examination for the certification of trained general nurses and of trained fever nurses. Two hundred and twenty-eight candidates presented themselves for examination. The examination was held at Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee, and Aberdeen. The following candidates have now completed the examination, and, subject to the completion of three years' training in hospital to the satisfaction of the Scottish Board of Health, are entitled to the certificate of efficiency granted by the Board:—

Certificates in General Training.—Eastern District Hospital, Glasgow—Carmina J. Carson, Helen A. Fergusson, Isabella Maciver, Charlotte S. Mackie. Govan Poorhouse Hospital, Glasgow—Mary J. Burnett, Agnes M. W. Caldwell, Catherine C. Cameron, Euphemia Forbes, Isabella Graham, Christina Sinclair, Annie M. Smith. Barnhill Poorhouse Hospital, Glasgow—Margaret Johnston, Kathleen Lang, Maggie F. M'Daid, Katie M'Govern, Annie W. P. Wilson. Paisley Poorhouse Hospital—Agnes M. Cheyne, Louisa F. C. Hunter, Jessie Noble, Mary M. Stewart. Craiglockhart Poorhouse Hospital, Edinburgh—Grace M. Ferguson, Mary Foy, Christina Miller. East Poorhouse, Dundee—Elizabeth Crichton. Aberdeen Poorhouse Hospital and East Poorhouse Hospital, Dundee—Donaldina St. C. Millar.

Certificate in Fever Training.—Belvidere Hospital, Glasgow—Stella M. M. Chalmers, Agnes S. M'Lean, Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow—Jean S. Hair, Mary Tulloch, Helen H. S. Young. County Hospital, Motherwell—Jessie M. Forrester. Gateside Hospital, Greenock—Bessie F. Robertson. Blawarthill Hospital, Yoker—Bessie Somers. Joint Hospital, Dumbarton—Isobel C. Anderson. Coathill Hospital, Coatbridge—Flora M. Todd. Fever Hospital, Dunfermline—Marguerite M. Barron, Charlotte Mowat. City Hospital, Edinburgh—Elizabeth P. Crooks, Eliza Croy, Jane Cummings, Mary I. G. Duff, Mary J. Fraser, Margaret Y. Gillespie, Isobel M. Gourlay, Gertrude Hall, Helen S. M'Dowall, Mary H. M'Lean, Flora MacVicar, Euphemia M. Pentland, Margaret W. Reid, May E. Robertson, Rachel B. H. Somerville, Janetta D. Thorburn, Mina W. Turnbull. King's Cross Hospital, Dundee—Mary Lobban. City Hospital, Aberdeen—Jessie J. Barron, Mary Campbell, Henrietta Churchman, Jessie Moggach, Elizabeth Murdoch, Christina M'Donald, Jean M'Kenzie, Alice M. Mackie, Agnes R. Scott, Eleanor C. Stalker.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

ARE MIDWIVES TRAINED NURSES?

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—In a letter to the Journal of November 29th *re* "Are Midwives Trained Nurses?" I reply decidedly "No," and only wish all practising midwives were trained nurses for the benefit of the poor in abnormal cases, where skilled nursing is so important for a good recovery. Midwifery is easy when general training is completed.

A fixed standard of nursing is imperative. Fortunately, we now have a "Ministry of Health." Public health visiting is health nursing, which mean better conditions for the nation.

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Clara B. Myers: "The progress of the Nurses' Bill seems a miracle, but it is the answer to the prayers of all the good women who have worked for it with such devotion."

Ada C. Mostyn: "I agree with M. S. Thompson, 'Cheerio, B.J.N.'" With the exception of our Registration organ, the whole Press has been against us—or indifferent to our just claims—for years. Do not let us forget this lesson. Bill or no Bill, let us loyally support the journal which has done so much to win it."

G. S. T.: "I also with 'C. M. B.' send my B.J.N. on, but only for a limited time to each friend I want to educate. If after six weeks she does not appreciate it enough to pay a penny halfpenny a week for it, and take it for herself, I test the professional conscience of another. As you know, I have planted out quite a number of copies. To pay money to companies of hospital governors and other laymen, running commercial nursing journals, to oppose everything I want, to have my colleagues insulted (as the College does by the bye), does not appear to me a business proposition. Personally I detest playing the part of cat's paw."

TO ADVERTISERS.

Please notice that owing to the Christmas Holidays, this Journal will go to press on Tuesday, December 23rd, instead of Wednesday, December 24th. All advertisements to secure insertion in our issue of December 27th, must therefore be received by Tuesday morning, December 23rd, at latest.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

December 20th.—What is the origin of quinsy, and how is it treated?

December 27th.—Describe the appearance of the skin in (a) eczema, (b) psoriasis, (c) ringworm, (d), lupus. How are these diseases treated?

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