

enjoyable afternoon. The opinion was expressed that there should be more of such gatherings now the war is over.

Miss Nicholson, Matron, Highfield Infirmary, was elected a member of committee.

M. M. TIPPER, *Hon. Sec.*

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Isolation Hospital, Beaufort, Ebbw Vale.—Miss Winifred James has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Auckland and Cheldon Joint Hospital, Durham, and Kettering General Hospital, and has been District Nurse at Choppington, Northumberland, Staff Nurse at Auckland and Cheldon Joint Hospital, Matron at Stanhope and Weardale Infectious Hospital, Durham, and Temporary Matron, Dunstable District Hospital.

SISTER.

Borough Sanatorium for Infectious Diseases, Sunderland.—Miss J. Patterson has been appointed Sister-in-Charge of the Nurses' Home. She was trained at the Union Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and has been Night Sister at the Durham County Sanatorium, Holywood Hall, and Sister of the Tuberculosis Block, Sland Borough Sanatorium.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Staff Nurses to be Sisters:—Misses D. F. Mudie (May 2); G. S. Brownlow (June 30); M. K. Barclay (July 8).

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Alice K. O'Connell is appointed to Shropshire N.F., as Assistant County Superintendent; Miss Margaret A. Hamilton to Todmorden, as Senior Nurse; Miss Mabel Byard, to Windlesham; Miss Ada M. Daniels, to Bedford; Miss Mary Irvine, to Clowne; Miss Harriet E. Nixon, to Clowne; Miss Charlotte A. Palmer, to Lewes; Mrs. Lydia A. Palmer, to Summerseat; Miss Emily Ridsdale, to Cleckheaton; Miss Janet Wilcock, to Todmorden.

THE PASSING BELL.

A terrible tragedy occurred outside the David Lewis Northern Hospital, Liverpool, on July 24th, when Miss Alice Kate Jones, a nurse at the hospital, was shot dead on returning after her day off duty. The porter, hearing the sound of shots, ran out and found Miss Jones lying at the foot of the steps, but she was dead when carried into the hospital. Subsequently, a Canadian soldier, who had been treated for shell-shock in the hospital last year, and afterwards returned to Canada, surrendered himself to the police, saying that he shot Nurse Jones, and was later brought before the Liverpool Stipendiary Magistrate in connection with the crime.

We desire to express our sympathy both with the relatives of the deceased nurse, and with the Matron and hospital authorities on this terrible occurrence. The writer well remembers, when visiting the hospital last year, seeing the shell-shock patients, one of the saddest sights of the war. It would seem difficult to fix responsibility for any action on one of these poor men shattered in mind, and perhaps in body, by the ruthless machine of war.

SISTER TUTOR STUDENTSHIPS.

The College of Nursing has awarded eight Sister Tutor Studentships of the value of 111 guineas each, for a year's course at the Household and Social Science Department, King's College for Women, University of London. Three of the studentships were given by the Council of the College of Nursing, and three by an anonymous donor who named them "London Studentships." Lady Cowdray endowed one for a nurse trained in Aberdeenshire, and another for a nurse trained in Sussex. A qualifying examination for these studentships was held, and the following candidates from the Training Schools of the undermentioned Hospitals were successful:—

Miss D. M. Davis, General Hospital, Birmingham.
Miss A. M. Rose, Union Infirmary, Hull.
Miss E. M. Edmunds, Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich.
Miss D. Windley, Guy's Hospital, S.E. 1.
Miss M. L. Lane, St. George's Hospital, S.W. 1.
Miss M. E. Hitch, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C.
Miss McCheane, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.
Miss E. M. F. Bowdler, Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool.

This is the work which a Collegiate body, if properly organised, can undertake without interfering with the standardisation of Nursing Education and semi-judicial functions of a State Registration Board. There will be no adequate nursing organisation until the College of Nursing, Ltd., realises its academic limitations and ceases any attempt to exercise administrative and disciplinary control over the Nursing Profession. Such a monopoly of power has never been granted by any legislature, and will be resisted by trained nurses, as by other professional classes.

£900 FOR A V.A.D.

We have received a communication from Miss Laura Sanders, of Oxhey, Watford, Herts, the V.A.D. who has been given the enormous sum of £900 for a scholarship to enable her to graduate as a doctor.

Miss Sanders informs us that she was "a V.A.D. for three years under the 2 W. G. Hospital, Manchester," but she does not say who awarded her this small fortune—or what she has done to deserve it.

We must presume, therefore, that £900 has been handed over to this lady from money originally contributed to the British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John, and is part of the £30,000 used by this joint organisation for its V.A.D. Scholarship Scheme; but even then it is an astounding gift. We think the public have a right to know what special services Miss L. Sanders rendered at No. 2 W. G. Hospital, Manchester, to entitle her to a gratuity of £300 a year for her three years' work there. Frankly, the whole thing appears to us entirely unjustifiable, and unless the money was specially donated for this purpose, the sooner

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