

Adastral House, London, E.C.4; demobilised members of the Territorial Force Nursing Service, to the Secretary, War Office (T.V.4), 80, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1. Members of other organisations who are not now serving, should apply to the Board of the organisation under which they served.

#### CHEVRONS FOR SERVICE OVERSEAS.

The King has approved the award of chevrons to denote service overseas undertaken since August 4th, 1914.

The following will be eligible to participate in the award under the conditions laid down.

Members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, retired members of the Army Nursing Service, members of Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India, the Territorial Force Nursing Service, and Oversea Nursing Services. Personnel working under the Joint War Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and under the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association, if under the direct authority and supervision of the War Office.

Chevrons of two colours, red and blue, have been approved. The first if earned on or before December 31st, 1914, will be red, all others blue.

### A REPORT OF GOOD WORK.

The final meeting of the Territorial Force Nursing Service Ladies' Committee was held at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, on Monday, February 16th, Miss Haldane in the chair.

Miss Gill, R.R.C., Principal Matron, read a report of the closing of Craigleith Hospital, and paid a high tribute to the efficiency of the nursing staff.

She stated that she had never received a single complaint of any nurse during the five years that the hospital was open, and those members who were sent abroad have reflected great credit on their hospital.

The following decorations had been awarded to members of the staff either at home or abroad:

Bar to the Royal Red Cross, 2; Royal Red Cross (First Class), 8; Royal Red Cross (Second Class), 33; Military Medal, 3; Serbian Decorations, 2; Medaille des Epidemies, 1.

Mrs. MacLagan Wedderburn gave a report of the work done by the "Comforts Committee" since 1914, and by the Handicraft Branch, which was formed to provide employment and amusement for the patients.

The *Craigleith Hospital Chronicle* was founded at the end of 1914 at the suggestion of the O.C., in order to raise funds for extra comforts for the patients, and over £360 was raised.

The Treasurer's Report, submitted by Miss Thorburn stated that £1,260 had been spent on extra comforts.

A cordial vote of thanks, proposed by Mrs. George Kerr, was given to Mrs. MacLagan Wedderburn and Miss Thorburn for their splendid services.

Miss Haldane, in conclusion, expressed very cordial appreciation of the work of the Committee under the wise guidance of Miss Gill, during these five years.

## THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL, IRELAND.

### AN INCORRECT STATEMENT.

We are requested to correct the statement made last week in the medical journals and in the *Nursing Times* that Colonel Sir Arthur Chance, F.R.C.S.I., who has been appointed a member of the General Nursing Council, Ireland, is the Chairman of the Irish Board of the English College of Nursing. Colonel Sir Arthur Chance, as reported in this Journal last week, is Chairman of the Irish Nursing Board, an Irish organisation which has compiled a voluntary Register of Irish nurses, and has never had anything to do with the Irish Branch of the College of Nursing, Ltd.

Colonel Sir Arthur Chance, Colonel William Taylor, F.R.C.S.I., and Miss O'Flynn are the delegates of the Irish Nursing Board on the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, and Miss M. Huxley and Miss A. Reeves are the delegates of the Irish Nurses' Association on the Central Committee, and have all been placed upon the General Nursing Council, Ireland. Irish nurses owe a deep debt of gratitude to these pioneers for the keen interest they have always taken in the State Registration question, and the firm manner in which they have one and all supported their best interests whilst nursing legislation has been under discussion.

### A ROYAL GOVERNOR.

The Prince of Wales had a great reception at Bart's on the 19th inst., when he paid a visit to that historic hospital to attend a general Court of Governors in the Great Hall to receive his Governor's Staff and his Charge as President. The Prince was received by the Treasurer, Lord Sandhurst, and the Lord Mayor.

For the first time the senior nursing officers were summoned to the Great Hall, and greatly appreciated being present to see His Royal Highness take the chair, amid cheers, and sign the minutes. In the Square the nurses gave him a smiling welcome, and the patients lying in their beds also enjoyed the occasion.

Subsequently, His Royal Highness visited the wards, which looked very spick-and-span. Altogether a very happy occasion.

### FEES RISE IN AUSTRALIA.

The members of the Australian Trained Nurses' Association have recently, by 623 votes to 160, decided that the fees of general private nurses shall be raised from £3 3s. to £4 4s. a week. The new scale of fees came into force this year.

It is recommended by the Council that the following part time charges be adopted: For 24 hours, £1 1s.; for 48 hours, £2 2s.; for 72 hours, £3 3s.

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