

Miss Elma Smith, Matron of the Colindale Hospital, for many years a Poor Law Infirmiry, but recently taken over by the Metropolitan Asylums Board as a Tuberculosis Hospital.

There are very many nurses who owe their training in general nursing to Miss Elma Smith, who have done honour to their school in all parts of the world, and others who have had experience in fever nursing under Miss Lloyd, who, while regretting their retirement from active work, will wish them many years' enjoyment of the leisure they have so well earned.

PROMOTION.

Miss Margaret M. Hiney has been promoted to be Matron in the Mental Hospitals' service on probation for six months, and allotted to duty at the Darent Training Colony until further orders. Miss Hiney was trained at the Bermondsey Infirmiry, and has held administrative posts in several asylums. She is at present Assistant Matron at the Caterham Asylum. She holds the certificate of the Medico-Psychological Association.

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TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Allena M. Morison is appointed to Carlisle, as Superintendent; Miss Annie M. Breakell to Chatham, as Senior Nurse; Miss Gertrude Fozard to Hampstead, as Senior Nurse; Miss Norah M. Terry to St. Austell, as Senior Nurse; Miss Edith M. Ashwell, to Herne Bay; Miss Edith E. Batten, to Millom; Miss Isabella Campbell, to Exmouth; Miss Liliias C. Gibson, to Harden and Wilsden; Miss Gertrude E. Grimmer to Exmouth; Miss Emily Harrison, to Cirencester; Miss Dympna Leahy, to Cleator (Bigrigg); Miss Eva A. Slack to Birmingham (Summer Hill Road); Miss Margaret D. Stewart to Swanley.

THE PASSING BELL.

We much regret to record the death, at Nazareth, of Miss Edith Johncock, Matron of the British Hospital there. During the war for several years Miss Johncock was a prisoner in the hands of the Turks, who allowed her to remain in charge of the hospital, where she nursed both British and Turkish wounded, subsequently receiving the Royal Red Cross for her services.

THE BEST OF GIFTS.

The War Library, one of the most beneficial bits of work called forth by the war, and started, we believe, by Mrs. Gaskell, C.B.E., has now been absorbed into the activities of the British Red Cross and Order of St. John, which is now making an appeal for its Hospital Library for Books and Magazines for our men, women and children in the British Naval, Military and civil hospitals, hospital ships, convalescent homes and sanatoria, at home and abroad. Those who love reading will understand the value of gifts of books to those cut off from their active occupations and home interests. No gift can carry one away from worry quite in the same way as absorption in an interesting book, and as there are all tastes in literature, so no nice, clean, well-written book lacks appreciation, and the finer they are the more they are appreciated. The Librarian at 48, Queen's Gardens, Lancaster Gate, London, W.2, will know just where to place your gifts, so hurry up as Christmas is near.

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BIRMINGHAM THREE COUNTIES CENTRE.

On Tuesday, December 7th, at 5.30 p.m., in the Lecture Theatre of the General Hospital, Birmingham (by kind permission of the Governors), under the presidency of Miss Musson, R.R.C., Mr. Screwby (Divisional Officer for the Ministry of Labour), explained the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920.

Mr. Screwby explained that a pronouncement will be made in a few days by the Minister of Labour as to whether nurses will be included in the Act. In the course of his address, the speaker made clear the following points:—

The 1920 Unemployment Insurance Act repeals all previous Unemployment Acts. It applies to all those who are insurable under the Health Insurance Act with one or two exceptions, viz., agricultural labourers, domestic servants and groups of industries possessing certain classifications, amongst which the nursing profession is not included. The Unemployment Tax is collected by means of stamps attached to books, which must be lodged before benefit can be claimed at a Labour Exchange. The limit of benefit in one calendar year is fifteen weeks. The applicant must show proof of unemployment, and sign the book daily at the Labour Exchange. An industry may run a special scheme under certain conditions, viz., the scheme must apply to the whole industry, and must provide benefits equivalent to the State scheme.

At the close of the meeting, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the speaker.

G. M. E. JONES,

Hon. Press Sec.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

The Minister of Labour, in the *London Gazette* of December 3rd, gives notice of his intention to give a decision, on or after December 17th, 1920, on a question that has arisen in an application made to him for his decision under Section 10 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, namely—whether the employment by a hospital, supported out of voluntary contributions, of a person as (1) a "sister" (2) a staff or trained nurse, (3) a probationer nurse is such employment as to make the persons employed persons within the meaning of the Act, and especially whether such employment is employment in domestic service.

THE GLASGOW HOME FOR AGED AND RETIRED NURSES.

At a recent meeting of the Committee established to promote a Home for Glasgow and the West of Scotland, for Aged and Retired Nurses, held in the City Chambers, and presided over by Mrs. David M' Cowan, Miss Janet Melrose, R.R.C., Matron of the Royal Infirmiry, Glasgow, presented a most inspiring report as to the sale of work held in that institution on the previous Saturday.

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