

Night Nurse at St. Luke's Hostel, Fitzroy Square, W., and has worked on the staff of the Child Welfare Society, Walthamstow. She has also had experience of private nursing.

Royal Cornwall Sailors' Hospital, Falmouth.—Miss Helen Mair has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and was called up for duty with the Territorial Force Nursing Service in 1914, and served for six years in this capacity. She was Sister-in-Charge of Surgical Wards in a Casualty Clearing Station in France, and later was with the British Army on the Rhine.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Southwark Union, East Dulwich Grove, S.E.—Miss Ethel Louisa Butcher has been appointed Night Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at the Woolwich Infirmary, and has been Home Sister at the South-Eastern Hospital for Children, Sydenham, and Ward Sister, Mile-End Military Hospital.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Newark Union.—Miss Ethel Andrews has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at the Dudley Road Hospital of the Birmingham Union, and has been Nurse Matron at the Ashford Hospital under the Urban District Council, and Matron of the Colwyn Bay Fever Hospital.

Wellington Infirmary, Rochford Union.—Miss Emily Howard has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at the Prescott Poor Law Infirmary; Home Sister at Rochdale Infirmary; Night Superintendent at West Hartlepool Hospital; Head Nurse Union Infirmary, Lichfield; and Night Superintendent Union Infirmary, Burnley. She has also done four years' war service.

SCHOOL NURSE.

Education Committee, Coventry.—Miss Elizabeth Powell has been appointed School Nurse. She was trained at the Stoke-on-Trent Infirmary, and has had experience of private and district nursing.

PRESENTATION.

Miss Margaret S. Riddell, R.R.C., has been appointed Matron of St. Mary's Hospital, Hampton-on-Thames. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and was Assistant Matron at the Chelsea Infirmary and at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh. She worked in France during the war, and has recently been Sister-Tutor at Queen Mary's Hospital for Children, Carshalton, Surrey.

The nurses at Queen Mary's Hospital much regret losing Miss Riddell's instruction, while wishing her all success and happiness in her new appointment, and to show their appreciation for her teaching, the Matron (Miss Winmill) presented her on their behalf with a silver-plated entrée dish, and a silver-plated clock at a little farewell dance in her honour last week.

THE SCOTTISH NURSES' CLUB.

The Annual Meeting of the Scottish Nurses' Club will be held in the Club House, 205, Bath Street, Glasgow, on Saturday, March 19th, at 3 p.m., when the Annual Report and Abstract of Accounts will be presented, and Office Bearers will be appointed to fill vacancies in the Management Committee.

The Most Hon. the Marchioness of Ailsa, President of the Club, will preside.

Tea will be served at 5.45 p.m.

M. R. STEWART, *Secretary.*

IMMEDIATE SELF-DISINFECTION.

Mr. H. Wansey Bayly, Hon. Secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Venereal Disease, in a letter to the press states that Lord Willoughby de Broke, President of the S.P.V.D., and Lord Gorell, President of the National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases, have received letters from the Bishop of Birmingham inviting both bodies to a round table Conference, on the basis of the Report of the "Special Committee on Venereal Disease," held under the auspices of the National Birth Rate Commission, with a view to putting an end to disunion. The Committee of the S.P.V.D. unanimously accepted the invitation on the understanding that the National Council are prepared to take action forthwith on the terms of the report of the Special Committee on Venereal Disease. The S.P.V.D. considers that the report amounts to an endorsement of the Society's policy, which advocates immediate self-disinfection, and that prophylactic packets for this purpose shall be on sale by chemists.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The Queen had a great reception at Oxford on the 11th inst., when she received the degree of Doctor of Civil Laws at Balliol College, and she looked very imposing and gracious in her D.C.L. robes as she walked in procession to the Sheldonian.

The real purpose of Her Majesty's visit was to get an insight into the working of the Women's Colleges and various University institutions in which women play an important part, and she paid visits to Barnett House, to Lady Margaret Hall, Somerville College, and to the Oxford Girls' High School. Lovely bouquets and beautifully bound copies of interesting records were presented to Her Majesty. Our leading Women's Colleges are in great need of financial support, if they are to continue their wonderful work.

Mainly About Books publishes the following poem by Betty Bray, aged thirteen years:—

THE BLACKBIRD.

The sky and garden were a dull, drear grey;
The sulky sun had not shone all that day,
In sullen silence lay the little mill;
And both the wind and breeze were sleeping still.
The buds thought it was not worth while to bloom;
A mist hung low, and all was wrapt in gloom.

And then—upon a bough—a blackbird sang,
Poured out his heart until the echo rang;
Till thro' the mist a sunbeam 'gan to peer;
And tiny buds uncurled themselves to hear.
The speedwells opened out, and showed their blue;
The sprays of lilac bloomed, the wallflowers too;
The breeze awoke and waking stirred the brook;
The other birds had now come out to look;
The wind arose, and chased away the mist;
The sun poured down, and Spring and sunshine kissed;
And lo!—a blackbird's song turned, in a trice,
A drear, dull day to an earthly paradise.

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