

**SISTER.**

**Infirmiry and Dispensary, Bolton.**—Miss Lucy Henshall has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Infirmiry, Hull, and has been Staff Nurse at Rochdale Infirmiry, Sister and Night Sister at the South Devon Hospital, Plymouth, Night Sister at Merthyr Hospital, and Surgical Sister at the West Kent Hospital, Maidstone. She has also done war nursing as a member of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

**Blair Convalescent Hospital, Bromley Cross, Bolton.**—Miss Alice H. Scott has been appointed Sister. She was trained at Brownlow Hill Infirmiry, Liverpool, and has been Sister at the Wilkinson Sanatorium, Bolton, Sister at the Royal Naval Hospital, Dungenell, N.B., Senior Sister at Accrington General Hospital, and Night Superintendent at the Middleton in Wharfedale Sanatorium.

**Wellhouse Hospital, Barnet.**—Miss Fanny Fairbairn has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Folkestone, and she was also Staff Nurse at the Grove Military Hospital, and Sister for holiday duty at St. James' Infirmiry, Balham.

Miss Maude Mallett has also been appointed Sister at the same hospital. She was trained at the Hampstead General Hospital and has done private nursing and acted as temporary Sister at Farnham Infirmiry.

**HEALTH VISITOR.**

**Lancashire County Council, County Offices, Preston.**—Miss Margaret E. Jack has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow, and was Staff Nurse in the 4th Scottish General Hospital, T.F.N.S., Night Sister at the Bridge of Weir Sanatorium, and Senior Sister at the Westmorland Sanatorium.

Miss Eleanor Rimmer has also been appointed Health Visitor under the same local authority. She was trained at the Mill Road Infirmiry, Liverpool, and has been Sister in Charge of the female phthisis ward in that institution, and Tuberculosis Health Visitor under Joint Committee, Stafford; she served as a Sister in the Territorial Force Nursing Service in England, Mesopotamia and India.

**THE PASSING BELL.**

Many members of the nursing profession all over the country will grieve to hear of the death on April 20th of Miss E. E. Fletcher, R.R.C., from cerebral haemorrhage. She was trained at the Royal (then the Albert Edward) Infirmiry, Wigan, and remained there as Assistant Matron to Miss K. V. Macintyre.

In August, 1914, she was called up as Matron of the Second Western General Hospital, T.F.N.S., Whitworth Street, Manchester, and remained there until August, 1919. On being demobilized she went to Birmingham to organize the three hospitals Highbury, Uffculme, and Lorrento under the War Pensions Scheme. Although of a retiring nature, Miss Fletcher always won through, and by her death the nursing profession has lost a devoted and capable member. One of the best.

May she rest in peace.

**PRESENTATION.**

For her services as nurse at Seghill, Nurse Redhead has been the recipient of a handsome solid silver hand-mirror, subscribed for by the committee of the Seghill Nursing Association, and presented by Mrs. J. Barrass, and Mrs. Mulby on their behalf. Nurse Redhead has attained the position of Charge Sister at the Morpeth Union Hospital.

**BOOK OF THE WEEK.****THE HAUNTED VINTAGE.\***

Among the many remarkable books that Miss Marjorie Bowen has given to the public, this latest work of hers stands out as one of the most notable.

It strikes out in a new and entirely original direction, in which her vivid and creative imagination has full scope for its power.

Its interest is centred round the very ancient monastery of Eberbach, which had been converted into a prison and lunatic asylum. It was here as commandant that Lally Duchene was banished by the reigning Duke of Nassau. He had been the close friend of his Sovereign until his treachery in regard to Pauline, whom the Duke desired to marry, was discovered.

"The new commandant of the prison and lunatic asylum of Eberbach took up the lamp and went to the door and listened. It was his first night in the monastery, and he could not rid himself of an intolerable sensation of strangeness. With a gentle movement his half-open door was pushed wide. Luy, the soldier who was to act as his body-servant, looked into the shadowed chamber. He was a small, lean type, with a shrewd, ugly, and remarkable face." From the first moment Luy's personality made an uncomfortable impression upon Lally Duchene.

Looking back on his old gay life at Wiesbaden, he felt that it had been a gorgeous captivity compared with his present large sense of change and freedom. He wondered if all men violently and unceremoniously hurled from their high positions felt this sense of relief. Yet how he had enjoyed that other life, "striven for it, exulted in it, exploited to the full every minute of it."

In his inspection of the prison next morning, he was accompanied by Luy, and Miss Bowen's realistic pen brings before the reader the atmosphere of the place—clean, well ordered, and organised. "In the last cell there stood before Lally, in the full light of the little window, a young girl whose countenance seemed to him lovely with gentleness and innocence. Her slight figure was leaning against the wall for support; her dark head pressed against the whitewashed surface. Her misery was so evident that Lally stepped back and they locked the door.

"What is her crime?" asked the commandant.

"The sergeant pointed to the board outside the entrance to the cell. Lally Duchene looked up and read: *Gertruda Gerhardt*, and underneath, in larger letters, the one word, *Dissolute*."

Round this mysterious personality centres the chief interest of the book. If Lally was repelled by Luy, contrariwise, this strange girl attracted him, and cast a spell over him. He was conscious that there was something superhuman in both Luy's repulsiveness and in Gertruda's attraction. Indeed, the whole atmosphere of the place from

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