

### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MILITARY NURSING SERVICE FOR INDIA.

The following ladies have been appointed Staff Nurses in Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India:—Miss M. Janes, Miss J. B. Underwood, and Miss E. A. Wilkinson.

### RESIGNATION OF MISS EUPHEMIA ROSS.

The resignation of Miss Euphemia Ross, of the Matronship of the Western Fever Hospital, Fulham, S.W., not only deprives the Metropolitan Asylums Board of one of its senior and most efficient nursing officials, but will be an immense loss to the nursing sisterhood. Miss Ross was trained so long ago as 1880-85, at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, where she was promoted Charge Nurse. From 1885 to 1889 she was successively Matron of the Fever Hospitals at Warrington and Monsall, when she was appointed Matron of the Western Fever Hospital, a post she has filled with distinction for thirty-two years. Miss Ross had the true spirit of the pioneer, and was an early and enthusiastic member of the R.B.N.A. and the Matrons' Council. She possesses those somewhat rare gifts of seeing straight and sticking to her principles through thick and thin. She has been a keen registrationist for thirty years, and has never wavered in her personal and financial support during all the vicissitudes through which the movement has struggled to victory. We are glad success came whilst she was in office; and all her old "chums" who have the keenest respect for her integrity and affection for her generous personality will wish her years of great happiness in her retirement from active service in the profession she has adorned and helped to consolidate.

### MEDALS FOR NURSES.

At a recent meeting of the Belfast Board of Guardians Miss L. M. Gaffikin performed the ceremony of presenting three medals in connection with the nurses' professional examination. The winners were:—Gold medal (presented by Mr. George Stewart), Nurse Sarah Ireland; silver medal (presented by Mr. David Shane), Nurse Margaret Kennedy; bronze medal (presented by Mr. Alfred M'Bride), Nurse Mary H. M'Cartin.

The Chairman (Mr. J. M'Cormick) said that these three nurses had shown very great merit in their answering, their marks in the examination being exceedingly good. They showed that the winners had striven to attain a good practical knowledge of their profession by good work in the wards and a constant endeavour to master the theoretical and practical details of nursing.

Miss Gaffikin, in presenting the medals, warmly congratulated the recipients upon their success.

Miss Campbell, Lady Superintendent, replied on behalf of the three nurses whose good work had received honourable recognition.

### PRESENTATION.

Upon resigning her position as Assistant Matron of the York County Hospital, which position she has held for upwards of five years, Miss Annie Ethel Burrows was presented with the following beautiful gifts as evidence of the respect and affection in which she is held:—The Resident, Nursing and Domestic Staffs, a solid silver tea service; the Senior Surgeon, a silver hot water jug; a former house surgeon, a Georgian caddy spoon; the Matron, Miss M. K. Steele, Georgian tea spoons. The Committee notified their regret at the departure of Miss Burrows in a "delightful" letter of appreciation of her work. Recognition of good work is the happiest method of encouraging emulation.

### QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

#### EXAMINATION FOR THE ROLL OF QUEEN'S NURSES, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 1921.

1. What is meant by putting a room in nursing order? How would you do it for a case (a) of pneumonia and (b) a case of caries of spine, each in a house with two bedrooms (one very small), one living room and a scullery, with two adults in addition to the patient?

2. What are the probable causes of a marked rise of temperature in a lying-in-woman during the puerperium? What would be your procedure?

3. What would you do when called to a patient who had taken poison, if there were delay in getting a doctor?

4. In nursing a case of cancer in an advanced stage, with foul discharges, what method would you adopt for the comfort of the patient and the benefit of the household?

5. What instructions should a nurse give to a working-class mother with regard to the keeping and storage of food, especially in hot weather?

6 (a). What main principles were laid down by the Queen's Institute when establishing the work of District Nursing, and why should Queen's Nurses bear them in mind?

or  
6 (b). What should be some of the essential points to be aimed at by a district nurse on her first visit?

Questions 6 (a) and 6 (b) are alternative: only one should be answered.

### THE PASSING BELL.

We regret to record the sad death of Miss E. A. Abbs, the Matron of the Isolation Hospital at Gillingham. A sting from a mosquito or a wasp was the cause of illness, of which little notice was taken until serious symptoms developed. Miss Abbs died from septic pneumonia at the early age of 37, and is sincerely regretted by a wide circle of friends.

### PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

#### (GLASGOW AND DISTRICT BRANCH).

As Miss McAra is no longer Honorary Secretary of the Glasgow and District Branch, members will please note that her name and address in the Membership Card issued January 1st, 1921, can no longer be used. A new Secretary is being appointed. All communications are to be addressed to the Central Office.

MAUDE MACCALLUM.

### WAR DECORATIONS.

The total numbers of war decorations issued from August 1st, 1920, to August 31st, 1921, are officially stated to be as follows:—Distinguished Service Order, 1,116; Military Cross, 6,469; Royal Red Cross, Class I, 225; Royal Red Cross, Class II, 1,300; giving a grand total of 9,110. There are some 2,550 of these decorations still awaiting disposal.

All officers, warrant officers, and nurses who have been awarded any of these decorations and have not yet received them should apply to the War Office, Investitures Branch (C2), Whitehall, S.W. 1.

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