

other Nursing Council with a view to securing a uniform standard of qualification. Thus, England and Wales, Scotland, and Southern Ireland must consult Ulster with respect to the conditions for admission to the Register.

We note that Bills are suggested for Home Rule for Scotland and Wales. How about long-suffering, lavish old England?

Why not another Roman Wall?

How out of date all this separatism appears to those who realise the insignificance of this tiny globe in its relation to the Universe!

### THE IRISH MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

At the meeting of the Irish Matrons' Association on Monday, February 20th, 1922, at 34, St. Stephen's Green, Miss Halbert, St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, was elected President, Miss Power, Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, was elected Hon. Treasurer, and Miss Reeves, Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Hon. Secretary.

The members passed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Miss J. E. Hughes, whose death occurred on February 16th. Miss Hughes had been an active member of the Association since its foundation. She will be greatly missed.

### THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Irish Nurses' Association was held recently at 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, to receive the Report of the past year.

It was agreed unanimously that the present office-bearers of the Association should remain in office for another year. They are Miss Carre, Ivanhoe Private Hospital, President; Miss Thornton, Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Vice-President; Miss Carson Rae, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Hon. Secretary.

The activities of the Irish Nurses' Association have been practically suspended owing to the unsettled state of the Government of the country.

It was decided to hold a general meeting of the members early in May to receive suggestions for the future policy of the Association.

The balance sheet for the year showed a credit balance of over £12.

### THE SCOTTISH NURSES' CLUB.

Under the auspices of the Scottish Nurses' Club and Health Visitors' Association, a lecture was given on "Psycho-Therapy" by Dr. David Yellowlees, in the Club, on Thursday, February 23rd, at 8 p.m. There was a large audience present, and the lecture was of a most interesting character. The lecturer, who has specialised in his subject, gave several examples of cases diagnosed and treated by him. In cases, particularly of neurasthenia and shell shock, promising results had been obtained. It was pointed out to the nurses what splendid opportunities they had in their daily work with their patients of influencing them wisely and tactfully, and thus helping them to aid in their own recovery.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRONS.

**St. Mary Islington Infirmary, Highgate Hill.**—Miss Gertrude Mary Cordell has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Hammersmith Infirmary and has held the appointments of first Assistant Matron, St. James's Infirmary, Balham, and Grove Hospital, Tooting, Home and Class Sister, Wandsworth Infirmary, Home Sister St. Ann's Home, M.A.B., and Staff Nurse, Park Fever Hospital. Miss Cordell has therefore qualified herself for her present responsible position by passing through various stages of experience in her profession.

### THEATRE SUPERINTENDENT.

**The Queen's Hospital, Birmingham.**—Miss Alice Midgley has been appointed Theatre Superintendent. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Halifax, and has been Ward and Outpatient Sister at the Royal Eye and Ear Hospital, Bradford; Ward Sister, Theatre Sister and Night Superintendent at the Royal Infirmary, Halifax; and Theatre Sister at the Great Northern General Hospital, Leeds, and at Grange-thorpe Hospital, Manchester.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.

**Monyhull Colony for the Epileptic and Feeble-minded, near Birmingham.**—Miss Isabella Russell has been appointed Sister and Administrative Assistant. She was trained at the Lambeth Infirmary and has been Night Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, Sister-in-Charge of the Infirmary Cottage Homes, Marston Green, Night Superintendent at Lambeth Infirmary, and Home Sister at Wingrove Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne. She has done war nursing as a member of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service Reserve, and is a certified midwife.

## THE PASSING BELL.

### FOUND DROWNED.

Evidence suggesting that she threw herself into the Thames off Waterloo Bridge was given at the inquest on Monday on Miss Thyra Pound, 19, a probationer nurse at the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street, whose body was found in the river near Bermondsey, on Sunday. The jury returned a verdict of "Found drowned."

Miss Pound mysteriously disappeared on January 16th.

Mr. F. J. Pound, a brother, of Kingstone House, Ashbury, Berkshire, said his sister went to the hospital in November. The family had only heard from her twice. A Mr. Lawler was morally her guardian.

The Coroner: What do you mean by morally?—He stepped in the breach in the absence of her father. He was a guardian to all of us.

Mr. Pound said there was no reason why his sister should take her life.

Mr. J. E. Lawler, an engineer, said he had known the family for more than 40 years. He did not see Miss Pound after she came to London.

George Evans, of Bruce House, Drury Lane, said that about 7.50 p.m. on January 17th he noticed a very tall girl who was going over Waterloo Bridge pass the third parapet, turn, stoop, and run into the recess. His common sense told him she must have gone over the bridge. "I might have taken a chance of going over the bridge, but I was hungry," he added. He did not see anyone actually go over the bridge, but afterwards he heard splashing as though someone was struggling.

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