

APPOINTMENTS.

HOME SISTER.

West London Hospital, Hammersmith, W.—Miss Sarah Ann Eddy has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, and has been Ward Sister and Night Sister at the West London Hospital.

SISTER.

Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, City Road, E.C.—Miss Lillian Goulding has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, and has held the position of Sister at the Wolverhampton Eye Infirmary.

HEALTH VISITOR.

City of Leeds.—Miss M. E. Rowe has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at Ecclesall Infirmary, Sheffield, in which institution she has held the position of Charge Nurse. She has been Superintendent of Mental Wards at Hope Hospital, Salford, Tuberculosis Nurse, Health Visitor and School Nurse under the Lancashire County Council, and Sanitary Inspector in Sheffield.

PRESENTATION.

The members of the medical profession in Dumfries and Maxwelltown, with their wives, met in force last week at the Moatbrae Nursing Home, to present Miss Brown, the Matron, with a handsome wristlet watch as an expression of their appreciation of her work since the inception of the Home eight or nine years ago. Miss Brown was trained at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, and had had experience as a Matron at Swansea and Oldham before going to Dumfries. A nursing home was very much needed in that district, but not a little of the success of the Moatbrae was due to Miss Brown, whose personal character, organising ability and departure from the more austere lines some homes are run on made her popular with doctors, patients and staff. The facilities given to visitors were much appreciated. From all over Scotland came patients to this Home, and they in particular will share in the general regret as expressed by Dr. Kerr at the circumstances (the buying of the Home by a private individual) that terminate her connection with it.

Dr. Clarke and several others also spoke in high appreciation of Miss Brown, and expressed their regret at her departure.

Dr. J. Hunter, on behalf of Miss Brown, made suitable reply, after which the company were entertained to tea.

THE PASSING BELL.

We greatly regret to record the death of Miss Muriel Kinley, a probationer at the East Sussex Hospital, Hastings, for the past two years. Miss Kinley some three weeks ago cut her right thumb through breaking a glass phial, instead of filing it, and the following day dressed a case of burns without wearing gloves. Shortly afterwards she developed symptoms of septic poisoning, which, it is believed, she contracted when dressing the septic burn case.

A verdict of death from septicæmia was recorded at the inquest which followed.

Two important nursing points arise out of this case. First, the risk of breaking instead of filing glass phials, and secondly, the invariable rule that cuts must be covered up. This poor nurse, we fear, paid with her life for her failure to observe it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I thank you very much for your kind letter and the article you published in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING about our National Federation of Nurses.

It is a great disappointment to hear that you will not be at Copenhagen, but I hope that some day, when our Association has grown, you will be able to pay a visit to Brussels.

Four of us are leaving to-morrow for Denmark. It will be a great help for us to hear the women who are the elite of nursing discuss problems which are too difficult to solve by ourselves without the advice and example of those who went through the same difficulties in the beginning of their own work.

Hoping that I shall soon have the pleasure of meeting you, either in England or in this country.

I remain, yours sincerely,

LOUISE D'URSEL.

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Belges,
Bruxelles.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

J.H.M., Zululand.—“Just a line or two while I am enclosing my yearly subscription for the B.J.N., which I wouldn't miss out here for a good deal. It is read from cover to cover, and is passed on to two members of our staff out here at different stations as well as to one or two lay readers who all enjoy it muchly. I have had a very happy as well as interesting year here, and have all sorts of cases, emergency and otherwise. I travelled by donkey waggon 80 to 120 miles, camping out on the veldt by night and continuing the journey by day. All most exciting. On one of my trips I was fifteen miles farther into the Bush veldt than any white woman had ever been before. Some day when I feel like it I will send an article on my experiences in Zululand to the B.J.N. . . . They are making a nice mess of the Registration Act, and I think the base treatment of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick an outrage, which every self-respecting member of the profession will resent most strongly. Please tell her how much I deplore the conduct of these 'College Dodgers,' and hope those who have worked so long and so strenuously for us will come out top.”

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

June 3rd.—How would you deal with a case of hæmorrhage after enucleation of the tonsils?

June 10th.—Describe some of the most important disorders of nutrition, their symptoms, and nursing care.

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