

present-day nurses little know what they owe to their highly-educated pioneers who devoted their social talents and their abilities to building up the great profession of nursing.

Sister Dorothea had ideal qualities for a Matron. Her unusual mentality, sound judgment, and reasonable persuasiveness commended her views to the Committees and Medical Staffs with whom she had to deal, who had a high opinion of her ability, and supported her in the position which she always claimed as head of the nursing staff. She was an ideal practical nurse as well as a great organiser, and those who worked under her felt not only the charm but the support of her strong personality. Order was evolved out of chaos, problems were quickly solved, and difficulties disappeared when her acute mind was brought to bear upon them.

As with most organisers, the immediate matter in hand was the one which mainly filled her horizon; work of which the foundations had been well and truly laid could stand a strain upon its resources.

When, in the epidemic of 1892, the Metropolitan Asylums Board placed in her hands the equipment and staffing of its new hospital at Tottenham, many experienced nurses on the staff at the Metropolitan Hospital were moved on there, and a much-trying Ward Sister was heard to remark that "Sister Dorothea had stripped her old doll quite naked and put all its clothes on the new one." As a matter of fact the readjustment was made with wonderfully little disturbance, and the North Eastern Hospital, Tottenham, was ready on the appointed day for the reception of patients, and the inspection of the Chairman and Board, who congratulated Sister Dorothea and thanked her for the efficiency of her arrangements.

A strenuous worker herself she demanded a high standard of those who worked under her, and when her quick brain had decided on a course of action she desired its immediate fulfilment. Frequently she would conclude a direction with the words, "And I should like it now."

She always aimed at perfection, and whether as Superintendent of Nurses at home, or at St. George's Hospital, Bombay, as head of a High School for Girls at Naini Tal, or in charge of a Rescue Home in London, or of a Boys' Orphanage at Lewisham, whatever her hand found to do she did it with all her might, and, with wonderful versatility, she made a success of each in turn.

Those who knew her best, realised that the peace and strength which emanated from her had their foundation in her deep religious faith, sustained by a life of devotion. A very human and lovable saint, she was a saint indeed, and there must have been many of those whom she helped in this world waiting to greet her free spirit as it passed to its place in Paradise. *Requiescat in pace.*

MISS K. E. MCCALL ANDERSON, S.R.N., R.R.C.

We regret to record the death of Miss Katherine Edith McCall Anderson, S.R.N., R.R.C., who died at her home, 51, Ashton Terrace, Glasgow, on the 8th ult. Miss McCall Anderson, who was trained for three years, and Certificated at the Royal Infirmary, Dundee, served in the South African War, receiving the Royal Red Cross in recognition of her services, while during the Great War she was Matron of the Lady Hardinge Hospital at Brockenhurst for sick and wounded Indian soldiers, and of the Military Hospital in Nottingham, receiving the bar to the Red Cross.

She also held the positions of Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and of St. George's Hospital, London, and in 1914 was appointed a member of the Advisory Council of the Territorial Force Nursing Service, and was an Hon. Serving Sister of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. She was the eldest daughter of the late Sir Thomas McCall Anderson, M.D.

SISTER MARGARET MAGUIRE.

By the death of Sister Margaret Maguire, at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, on April 17th, a pioneer and much-respected member of the nursing profession has passed to her rest. Sister Maguire came to Glasgow from Ireland when she was eighteen years old and commenced her training in the Royal Infirmary, where she remained as nurse and Sister for 47 years. Her's was a wonderful record of work, and she must have seen many changes take place in medical and nursing practice during that time.

Sister Maguire retired from the Royal Infirmary five years ago, and went to the King Edward Memorial Home in Edinburgh. She remained there until Hazelwood House, Dumbreck, was opened for retired nurses eighteen months ago, when she

returned to take up residence there. In spite of the increasing helplessness due to her failing sight, Sister Maguire kept wonderfully well and bright; she was able to get about and enjoyed meeting friends. In December last she was present at the Royal Infirmary Nurses' Reunion Dinner and proposed the health of the past Medical Staff.

As a nurse Miss Maguire was specially gifted and happy in dealing with children. She loved them and handled them so skilfully. One remembers the tone in which the children called out "Here's Aunty" when she entered the ward. Her tall figure, soft voice with its touch of brogue, and bright smile, will be long remembered.

In February last Sister Maguire took a chill which developed into serious illness. She was taken to the Royal Infirmary and it was hoped that she would recover, but a fortnight ago she had a relapse and becoming gradually weaker she passed away on Thursday of last week.

It seemed very right and fitting that one who had spent her whole professional life in active work in the wards of the Royal Infirmary should return there to finish her days. There, surrounded by those who knew her personally, or who knew of her long nursing career, she received the utmost care and attention, and was so happy in being so cared for.

She may not have had relatives, but she was rich indeed in friends, who, in affection and loyalty never failed in giving her their support and sympathy.

Sister was laid to rest in the Nurses' Grave in the Necropolis within sight of the Royal Infirmary, where she had spent so many happy years.

MISS JANET THORPE.

We regret to record the death from gastric influenza of Miss Janet Thorpe, S.R.N., Matron of the Highgate Hospital, Dartmouth Park, N. Miss Thorpe, who was trained at the London Hospital, E., where she subsequently held the position of Sister, held various posts of responsibility at Highgate Hospital, including that of Assistant Matron, before being appointed Matron in 1922.

The memorial service held in the hospital chapel was largely attended, and a large number of beautiful wreaths testified to the regard in which she was held.

"Sweet day, so cool, so calm, so bright,
The bridal of the earth and sky,
The dew shall weep thy fall to-night;
For thou must die.

"Sweet rose, whose hue angry and brave,
Bids the rash gazer wipe his eye,
Thy root is ever in the grave,
And thou must die.

"Sweet Spring, full of sweet days and roses,
A box where sweets compacted lie,
My music shows ye have your closes,
And all must die.

"Only a sweet and virtuous soul,
Like season'd timber, never gives;
But though the whole world turn to coal,
Then chiefly lives.

George Herbert ("Holy Mr. Herbert.")

OVERSEAS NURSING ASSOCIATION.

During the last six months a number of appointments of nurses have been made by the Overseas Nursing Association.

To *Private Posts* in connection with various Associations and public bodies in Lisbon, Oporto, Shanghai, Madrid, Bangkok, Guatemala, Ceylon, and Newfoundland.

In *Non-Government Hospitals* in British North Borneo, Valparaiso, Hong Kong, and Kobe.

In *Government Hospitals* in the Federated Malay States, the Straits Settlements, Gibraltar, British Guiana, Tanganyika Territory, Nyasaland, Zanzibar, Kenya Colony, Uganda, St. Helena, Gold Coast, Nigeria, Cyprus, Bermuda, Hong Kong, the Bahamas, Montserrat, and in Palestine (four Matrons of Government Hospitals).

LEGACIES FOR NURSES.

Miss Gulielma Wheeler, of Darlington, left £70 per annum to "My devoted nurse Mary Pycott."

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