

Monsall. In 1889 she was appointed Matron of the Western Fever Hospital, Fulham, where she remained until she retired on December 3rd, 1921.

During the whole of her nursing career, extending over nearly 42 years, Miss Ross was never for a single day without an appointment.

Miss Ross was one of the pioneers and took an early and enthusiastic interest in the Royal British Nurses Association, which she helped to found; and she gave both personal and financial support to the movement, standing steadfastly for the principles for which it was founded through stress and storm. She was also a member of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Society for the State Registration of Nurses, and was a very regular attendant at the meetings of the Council, at which her clear judgment was of the utmost value. During the time she was Matron of the Western Hospital she took a keen interest in the social side of her nurses' lives and was largely instrumental in organizing the tennis club and hockey teams, and encouraging competition in games with clubs from other hospitals.

On her retirement Miss Ross took up gardening as a hobby and also speedily became much interested in the social life of Onslow Village, Guildford, where she soon made many friends.

Miss Ross was apparently in her usual health when she rose on the morning of March 4th, but at 8.45 a.m. she complained of feeling very ill and faint. The doctor was sent for and diagnosed cerebral haemorrhage and after only eight hours' illness she passed away at 5 p.m.; her death after so short an illness came as a great shock to all friends far and near.

The interment took place on March 7th in Guildford New Cemetery and the funeral was attended by Miss Ross (sister), Miss Paterson (cousin), and the following friends: Miss Addison, Mr. and Miss Kewley, Miss Villiers, Miss Ambler Jones and Miss Gooding (Matrons of the M.A.B. Hospitals), Dr. R. M. Bruce (Medical Superintendent of the Western Hospital), Miss Cameron, Miss O'Leary, Mrs. Lyon, Dr. and Mrs. Goffe, Mr. and Mrs. Barber, and many other friends.

Beautiful floral tributes were sent by the nursing and domestic staffs of the Western Hospital, the Matrons of the M.A.B. Hospitals, the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, Dr. R. M. Bruce, Dr. Foord Caiger, and many private friends.

The death of Euphemia Ross leaves our profession the poorer by the passing of a liberal-minded, courageous woman, whom THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, the policy of which she ardently supported, sincerely deplores.

We sincerely regret to record the death at his residence, 3, Woodside Crescent, Glasgow, of Sir William Macewen, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S., C.B., Surgeon to the King in Scotland, Regius Professor of Surgery at the University of Glasgow. An outstanding personality in the medical world, and an original thinker, Sir William Macewen was a pioneer in the surgery of the brain. During the war he held the temporary rank of Rear-Admiral, R.N.

Sir William was a keen supporter of the State Registration of Nurses, and a member of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, the meetings of which he regularly attended, until the sick and wounded in the war claimed his services. Nurses owe him a great debt of gratitude for using his talents and fine fighting force in support of their Registration Bill.

### RESIGNATIONS.

We understand that the positions of Matron in two important London Hospitals will shortly be filled that of Matron of Charing Cross Hospital, where the duties of the position are at present being discharged by the Assistant Matron, and that at the Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway Road, N., where the Matron, Miss A. M. Bird, S.R.N., R.R.C., has resigned after 16 years' work. During her term of office the work of the hospital has been greatly extended, amongst the additions being a children's ward, an X-ray room, a massage department, and facilities for treatment by artificial sunlight, as well as the Grovelands Home of Recovery. The good work of the Committee and the energetic Secretary of the Hospital, Mr. Gilbert Panter, supported by the Matron, has recently been recognized by the bestowal upon that hospital of the title of Royal.

Another important resignation is that of Miss Phoebe Head, M.N., Matron of the Retreat, York.

### OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The King, accompanied by the Queen and the Prince of Wales, has consented to open the British Empire Exhibition on St. George's Day, April 23rd, and the work is being pushed on with all speed, although just at present there appears plenty to be done. It is ever so with exhibitions.

One of the compliments we still value was paid to us by the then President of the United States, after conducting him round the British Nursing Exhibit on the opening of the Women's Building at the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893.

"In expressing my admiration of this humanitarian exhibit," he said, "may I add that it is the only exhibit ready down to the last pin which I have yet opened."

It really was a tip-top show; far more complete than any other nursing exhibit at the Fair. That was in the good old days when British Nurses took the lead in all things nursing, which, owing to lack of systematic nursing education during the past thirty years, they have now ceased to do.

The Executive of the Women's Section of the Exhibition is throwing an immense amount of energy into its duties, and to Princess Helena Victoria, Lady Galway, Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, and Mrs. Grove the Empire's women already owe a considerable debt. The Dominion Days are being enthusiastically taken up by leading ladies from overseas, and we feel sure women visiting the Exhibition from home and abroad will find arrangements considerably organised for their pleasure and instruction. We shall all want invitations to the Garden Party at Hampton Court on June 23rd, when the gardens will be in great beauty.

But pleasure will not be the only aim of the thousands of women who will visit the Exhibition from all over the world.

A Conference is to be held at Wembley from May 2nd to 8th, under the auspices of the International Council of Women, on "The Prevention of the Causes of War," for the purpose of helping women to study the causes which have led to war in the past, and how these can be removed by substituting entirely new ideals for the international conduct of citizens, Governments and countries.

The programme is an exhaustive one, and addresses will be given by expert men and women under the headings Education in Schools and Colleges, Education of Citizens, which will include the International Organisation of Health Nursing and Humanitarian Activities. Dr. René Sand, the Secretary-General of the League of Red Cross Societies, will open this Section, and Baroness Sophie Mannerheim, the President of the International Council of Nurses, will speak on Nursing. Thanks to our splendid International Federation of Nurses, founded on Self-determination and imbued as it has been for twenty years by the altruistic spirit of Lavinia Dock and Margaret Breyer, International Nursing is a simple problem. There is no nationality in nursing—prevention and cure of sickness, that is the whole aim of our profession wherever our duty happens to be. This Session, of great interest to nurses, and especially to the members of our National Council of Trained Nurses, will be held on Monday, May 5th, from 2.30 to 4 p.m. The meeting should be crowded.

On May 6th, "The International Mind in Individuals" will be the theme, and Miss M. Bondfield, M.P., will speak on "The Rights of the Worker."

"The International Mind in Trade and Finance" will be discussed on this day.

On May 7th, "Existing International Conventions and Their Applications"—(a) "Traffic in Women" Madame

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