

Horton Mental Hospital, Epsom, Surrey.—Miss Isabella W. Ptolmey has been appointed First Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Perth Royal Infirmary and Bangour Mental Hospital, and has been Senior Assistant Matron and Sister-Tutor at the Bangour Mental Hospital, and Assistant Matron at the Royal Mental Hospital, Morningside, Edinburgh.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Calderstones Certified Institution for Mental Defectives, Whalley, near Blackburn.—Miss F. Dempster Smith has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Montrose Royal Asylum, and General Hospital, York. She has previously held the positions of Assistant Matron at the Gartlock Mental Hospital, near Glasgow, and at the Park Prewett Mental Hospital, Basingstoke.

Calderstones Certified Institution for Mental Defectives, Whalley, near Blackburn.—Miss Bernice Stead, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Manchester Royal Infirmary. She has held the position of Theatre Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Preston, and Ward Sister at the Infirmary, Bury.

HOME SISTER AND SISTER-TUTOR.

Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin.—Miss Annie O'Reilly, R.G.N., has been appointed Home Sister and Sister Tutor. She was trained at Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin, where she has held the post of Staff Nurse. She received her midwifery training at the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, and holds the Certificate of the Central Midwives' Board (Southern Ireland).

THE PASSING BELL.

Members of the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, and its Reserve, who have served at the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, since 1914, will be grieved to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Andrew Scott, which took place at Summer Court, Shooter's Hill.

Quoting the words of the Matron who was in charge of the Royal Herbert Hospital during the war:—

"Mrs. Scott was a wonderful woman, and from August, 1914, gave lavishly of her time and means. I do not know what we would have done without her kindly help."

Mrs. Scott instituted and has maintained until now, at the Royal Herbert Hospital, a sick dietary kitchen, which has proved most valuable and helpful to the Nursing Staff.

Mrs. Scott loved sick people, and was always happy helping to alleviate suffering. She will be greatly missed in Woolwich.

The death of Miss Isobel Mary Whyte, R.R.C., which occurred in New Zealand on December 11th, 1924, has been reported by Miss Bicknell, Matron-in-Chief, New Zealand Nursing Service.

Miss Whyte served in the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service from October, 1910. She did excellent work in France during the Great War, and resigned in December, 1920, to take a Matron's post in New Zealand.

Mr. Montague Hounsel Cox, Deputy Clerk of the London County Council, in whose service he has been since March, 1892, has been promoted to the office of Clerk, at a salary of £2,000.

A CITY'S FREEDOM FOR A DOG.

The part played by dogs in the community life in the frozen expanses of the Northern countries, and the esteem in which these faithful friends of the human race are held, is charmingly exemplified in the "Story of Balto," the famous Alaskan trail dog, head of the dog team which carried the anti-toxin serum on the last lap of the race to Nome when it was recently stricken with an epidemic of enteric fever. In recognition of his services Balto was presented with the Freedom of the City of Seattle on his arrival there. In our illustration he is seen with two Seattle children, who are making much of him after this interesting ceremony.

Balto is not the only dog upon which such distinction has been conferred. All should be acquainted with the wonderful story of "Greyfriars Bobby," the little Highland Terrier who for long years refused to sleep anywhere but on the grave of an old shepherd, his dead master, in the Greyfriars Churchyard at Edinburgh, and whose life was in danger, because he belonged to nobody. His friends the children in the tenements surrounding the churchyard, in terror for the life of their beloved little friend, collected in pence and half-pence the seven shillings necessary for his licence. Meanwhile the Lord Provost of Edinburgh had heard Bobbie's story, and in the presence of the children, fastened round his neck a collar with a shining brass plate, on which was the inscription: "Greyfriars Bobby." From the Lord Provost 1867. Licenced, and bestowed on him the freedom of the City. 'And he maun hae the collar so the police will ken 'im an' no ever tak' 'im up for a puir gaen-about dog.'"

To-day outside the Greyfriars Churchyard is a fountain, with a low basin level with the curb, and sitting on the column above, looking through the churchyard gate, the sculptured image of Bobbie, placed there by that lover of dogs and of children—the Baroness Burdett-Coutts.

COMING EVENTS.

May 2nd.—A Talk on "English Pottery and Porcelain and other Antiques." By Mrs. Willoughby Hodgson, R.B.N.A. Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. 3 p.m.

May 15th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales Monthly Meeting. 20, Portland Place, W. 2.30 p.m.

June 24th.—H.R.H. the Duchess of York unveils the Five Sisters' Window in York Minster, the Women's Memorial to Women who lost their lives during the War. 3 p.m.



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BALTO THE ALASKAN TRAIL DOG

who led the team which carried anti-toxin to Nome in a typhoid epidemic and received the Freedom of the City of Seattle.

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