

LEGACIES FOR NURSES.

Mr. Thomas Eccles, of Oak Lea, Rock Park, Rock Ferry, Cheshire, left £100 to Nurse Edge, of Rock Ferry.

Mrs. Helena Augusta Agnew Pope, of King's Gardens, Hove, Sussex, left £200 conditionally to her former nurse, Mrs. Fisher, and £200 to her nurse, Lucilla Cole.

RESIGNATIONS.

Miss A. E. Densham, S.R.N., A.R.R.C., has resigned the position of Matron of the General Hospital, Bristol, and Miss A. M. Hall, M.B.E., that of Matron of the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich.

THE PASSING BELL.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Miss Mary Newcombe Cureton, which took place recently at her home at Bournemouth. Miss Cureton, who had great personal charm, was well known to many nurses as Lady Superintendent of Adden-



MISS M. N. CURETON.

brooke's Hospital, Cambridge, was a subscriber to THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, at first the *Nursing Record*, from the first number to the day of her death. She was one of the signatories to the Royal Charter of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and to the last retained her keen interest in nursing matters.

Miss J. Bicknell, Matron-in-Chief New Zealand Nursing Services, writes from the Department of Health, Wellington, concerning the death of Miss Isobel Mary Whyte, R.R.C., and the Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S.:—

"Perhaps by now you will have heard of her death, which occurred on December 11th from pulmonary embolism. The phlebitis had become very extensive, both legs being affected, and latterly pneumonia had developed. When I saw her at noon on December 9th I realised she was very ill indeed, but no one anticipated so sudden an end. On the 11th she was talking to a helpless patient whose long spinal carriage had been wheeled outside her verandah window, her bed being drawn close up.

"Very shortly after she had an attack of breathlessness, and though three doctors were immediately on the spot no remedies were of any avail, and she passed away at 2.10 p.m.

"It was a terrible blow to us all, and cast a great gloom over the Hospital. The Arawa tribe of Maoris accompanied her body to the Station where a funeral oration was made.

"She was buried at Hamilton, where her old Mother and her sister lived, the Medical Superintendent, the Acting Matron and several of the staff going down by motor to attend the funeral."

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.
Nurses' Camp.

Camp will be held this year from June 13—17. It is hoped that as many as possible will come for the whole fortnight, but all will be welcome who can attend for any part of the time.

The place will be Sandsend, on the Yorkshire Coast, three miles from Whitby. Camp is not held under canvas, but is housed in a large house of which the address is: Normanby House, Sandsend.

Particulars can be obtained from Miss Richardson, Secretary, Nurses' Missionary League, 135, Ebury Street, S.W.1, or Miss J. MacFee, B.A., 21, Froggnal Lane, Hampstead, N.W.3.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

"Wembley" has been crowded at two magnificent Royal functions during the past month—on the Opening Day and on Empire Day—when the King and Queen attended, surrounded by many persons of distinction—and no one who pays the Exhibition a visit can fail to appreciate its Imperial significance, and feel pride in its wonders.

It is to be regretted the House of Lords failed in *noblesse oblige* when the motion for the Second Reading of the Parliament (Qualification of Peeresses) Bill was rejected by 80 votes to 78. We thank Lord Astor for bringing in the Bill, and regret that the votes of "antis," like Lords Banbury and Birkenhead, prevented this measure of justice being carried.

The King has honoured Mme. Albani, the great singer, by appointing her a Dame of the British Empire.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick took the chair at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club on May 2nd, and introduced Mrs. Willoughby Hodgson, the charming authoress of the "Quest of the Antique," who gave a delightful talk on English Pottery, Porcelain and other Antiques, and gave much pleasure to the members of the recently formed Collectors' Society by consenting to become its President, saying that she felt it to be a great honour, and would be wanting in gratitude if she did not accept. The "Collectors" felt that the honour was theirs.

Mrs. Hodgson spoke of the charm of being a Collector, it was a splendid thing, she said, when one was getting on in life. What was collected was of minor importance. One might even, with Lewis Carroll, "sometimes search the grassy knolls for wheels of hansom cabs." The charm was in the quest, so long as one collected with enthusiasm.

Explaining the difference between pottery and porcelain, Mrs. Willoughby Hodgson said that the former is opaque, no light penetrates. China, on the other hand, is translucent, the sound clearer, its sound is more musical, and it is cooler to touch.

The Keats Memorial House, now called Lawn Bank, in Keats' Grove, Hampstead, has been opened by Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch. Sooner or later we must all make a pilgrimage to this memorial of one of the greatest among English poets. Here he wrote amid much else the two great odes, "The Nightingale" and the "Grecian Urn." For joy or for sorrow Wentworth Place, as it was then named, saw more intimately than any other place the fullness of life of John Keats.

Signor Mussolini wound up the debate in the Chamber at Rome on the Women's Suffrage Bill by a short but very effective speech.

"Women," he said, amid great laughter, "would vote for the party to which their husbands belonged, if they loved them, otherwise they would vote against it. One reason why he favoured women's suffrage in Italy was that there had been no agitation to obtain it. Further, women of all countries gave admirable proof of their patriotism during the war, and as proof of his assertion Signor Mussolini mentioned the heroism of Miss Cavell in Belgium. Women, he asserted, would play a still more important part in future wars."

The vote, which was in favour of the Bill, gives women the vote in local elections, but not the Parliamentary franchise.

That stamp of citizenship cannot be long delayed.

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