

HONOURS FOR NURSES.

The King has sanctioned the following appointment to the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England:—*As Lady of Grace*—Miss C. E. Todd, R.R.C., M.M.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Much interest will be felt in the news of the birth of a daughter to Major G. E. C. and Mrs. Underhill at Peshawar. Courage, fortitude, and tenacity of purpose should be her heritage. All are needed by an officer on the North-West Frontier, and it will not soon be forgotten how her mother—a trained nurse—as Mrs. Lilian Starr, rescued Miss Mollie Ellis who had been taken captive by Afridis after they had brutally murdered her mother.

LEGACIES FOR NURSES.

Mrs. Anna Maria Warner, of Charles Road, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, who died on October 1st, left an annuity of £65 (unless she shall have purchased a like annuity in her lifetime) to her faithful nurse, Ann Cross.

Mrs. Phoebe Nelmes, of Newton Cottage, Wribbenhall, Bewdley, who died on November 8th, left £100 to Miss Gwenllian Mary Jenkins, of The Sunnyside Nursing Home, Kidderminster, "as some acknowledgment for the kindness and attention which she has given to me in my illness."

THE PASSING BELL.

It is with deep regret that we record the death at her residence, Thistledown, Norton Way North, Letchworth, Herts., of Miss Clara Lee, well known to many of our readers as a Member of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, and a keen supporter and worker for the State Registration of Nurses. Miss Lee was trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and subsequently, as a Nursing Sister under the National Aid Society, held appointments at Netley, Fort-Charnbre, Goso, Cittia Vecchia, Malta, and in the Citadel, Cairo, in 1882, and afterwards at Fort Chatham. She was also Hon. Assistant Matron at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, and Matron of the Eye and Ear Infirmary, Dublin. She was also a Certified Midwife. A strong supporter of professional journalism, a keen woman's Suffragist, honourable, straight, and fearless, she is a great loss, and a great example to the Nursing Profession.

We deeply regret to record the deaths under peculiarly sad circumstances of two probationers at the North-Western Fever Hospital, Hampstead, Miss Winnie Wilkinson and Miss Florence Hill. They were passengers in a motor cycle combination, and were returning from a dance at the Kensington Town Hall in the early hours of January 24th with Mr. James Mackenzie, of Grosvenor Gardens, Cricklewood, who was driving the motor-cycle when it collided with a street refuge in Kensington Road. All were seriously injured, and were taken to St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner. Both nurses died on the following day without having recovered consciousness, and Mr. Mackenzie is in a serious condition.

We hear, on excellent authority, that the nurses, who were only nineteen years of age, and who both by a sad coincidence were only daughters, were promising probationers, who took their duties seriously, and were training in infectious nursing with the intention of entering a hospital for general training as soon as their age permitted.

Much sympathy will be felt for their bereaved relatives, and for the matron and nursing staff at the North-Western Hospital.

A COURSE OF LECTURES.

SECOND SERIES,

especially for Trained Nurses, to be held at 6, Guilford Place, W.C.1, at 5 p.m., upon the following Saturdays, by Mary Chadwick:—

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| Feb. | 21. | —The Influence of the Phantasy-Life in Sickness and Health. |
| Mar. | 7. | —The difficulty of Nursing the Nervous Patient. |
| Mar. | 21. | —Some Children's Problems. |
| April | 4. | —Some Women's Problems. |
| April | 18. | —Some Men's Problems. |
| May | 2. | —The Growth and Development of Psycho-analysis and its meaning to the Nurse. |

Those desirous of taking the course are requested to send in their names to Mary Chadwick, 6, Guilford Place, W.C.1. Fee for the whole course, 5s.; Single Lecture, 1s.

LEGAL MATTERS.

"AN IRRESPONSIBLE ACTION."

At the Brighton Police Court recently a sentence of three months' hard labour was passed on Winifred Martin (22), stated to be a nurse, for stealing a blouse, and receiving four gowns and a fur coat, knowing them to have been stolen. A previous conviction for stealing a seal coney coat, was mentioned.

Her fiancé told the Bench that he realised she suffered from "an irresponsible weakness for taking things for her adornment," and she had been misled behind his back.

Now that there is a Register of Nurses published under the authority of the State, we consider that information should be given in court as to whether persons professing to be nurses, when convicted of crimes, are on the Register or not. The Medical Register can readily be referred to under similar circumstances, and sensational headlines in the press avoided, such as are constantly published, where "nurses" whose names do not appear in this professional register are concerned.

A CAREER OF FRAUD.

Muriel Ethel Theobald, a married woman, described as an elderly nurse, was in the Bournemouth Police Court, sentenced to nine months' imprisonment, with hard labour, for obtaining £169 from three women by false pretences. Superintendent Garrett, during the proceedings, described her as one of the most plausible and dangerous women he had ever had to deal with, and an appalling liar in addition.

Amongst the statements made by this criminal were:—(1) That she owed a subscription to the National Pension Fund, and would lose all that she had paid in if it was not paid; (2) that she was opening a large nursing home; (3) that an old patient had died and left her a thousand pounds and a cottage. Superintendent Garrett disclosed that she was married at Ipswich, opened a nursing home at Southend-on-Sea, went to Gravesend and took up nursing and was there financed by a tradesman. In the case of one patient, she informed various tradesmen that on the patient's death she would benefit considerably. When this occurred, it was found that Mrs. Theobald had taken all her money and jewellery. At present she was an undischarged bankrupt.

In Exmouth in 1919 she obtained large sums by representing that she would benefit under the will of an elderly gentleman, and in Bournemouth £50, £95 and £70, the last being practically the life savings of an old woman who, in consequence, has had to go to the workhouse.

We do not find the name of Muriel Ethel Theobald or of Winifred Martin in the State Register of Nurses.

THE REGISTERED NURSES' UNIFORM,

We are asked by Messrs. Boyd Cooper, 4, George Street, Hanover Square, London, W.1, to state that they are arranging to show models of, and to take orders for, the Registered Nurses' Uniform in Manchester. A representative of the firm will attend for this purpose at Houldsworth Hall, 90, Deansgate, Manchester, on Wednesday, February 4th, and Thursday, February 5th, from 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

HOUSEKEEPING 100 YEARS AGO.

The housewife of the early 19th century had not the many conveniences, labour-saving and otherwise, offered by advertisers of the present day. But, as a correspondent has discovered, daily papers of 1817 contained the announcements of one commodity still well known and still used in the same families. John Bond's "Crystal Palace" Marking Ink has a reputation as unfading as the marks with which it protects its patrons' linen from loss.

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