

SISTER TUTOR.

East Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich.—Miss A. R. Watt has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and has since been Office Sister and Sister Tutor at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading; Night Sister at the South London Hospital for Women, Clapham Common; and Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor at the Victoria Hospital, Burnley. Miss Watt has gained the Housekeeping Certificate given by the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

City Lodge Poor Law Hospital, Cardiff.—Miss L. Ball, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Ecclesall Bierlow Union Hospital, and has been School Nurse under the City of Cardiff Education Committee; Matron under the United Methodist Missionary Society; and Night Superintendent and Sister Tutor at the Poor Law Hospital, Birkenhead.

Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.—Miss Helen E. B. Kirk, R.G.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and has been Ward Sister and Theatre Sister at the Victoria Hospital, Damascus; and Night Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

SURGICAL WARD SISTER.

University College Hospital, Gower Street, W.C.1.—Miss B. Dann has been appointed Sister of a Surgical Ward. She was trained at University College Hospital, where she was subsequently Staff Nurse.

DISTRICT MATERNITY SISTER.

University College Hospital, Gower Street, W.C.1.—Miss B. Williams has been appointed District Maternity Sister. She was trained at the Melbourne Hospital, Australia, and has been Staff Nurse at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, and at University College Hospital. Miss Williams holds the certificate of the Central Midwives Board.

THE PASSING BELL.**MISS FLORA MACPHERSON, R.R.C.**

Miss Flora Macpherson, R.R.C., Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S., daughter of the late Rev. John Macpherson of Cawdor, Nairn, died at Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, London, on Sunday, 10th July, 1927, after a very short illness.

Miss Macpherson was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, 1903-1907. Appointed to the Q.A.I.M.N.S., 1st May, 1907. Served in London and South Africa, returning from the latter place at the outbreak of War. She served at home as Acting Matron until July, 1917, when she proceeded to Salonika and was in charge of large hospitals there and at Constantinople until her return in April, 1921. She reverted to her substantive rank of Sister and served in Fermoy, Ireland, for a year, 1921-22, and has since served at the Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot, and at the Cadets Hospital, Royal Military College, Camberley.

She was twice Mentioned in Despatches and was awarded the Royal Red Cross (2nd class) in 1916 and the 1st class 2nd February, 1917. In 1919 she was awarded the Greek Medal for Military Valour (4th class). She was also an Honorary Serving Sister of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Miss Macpherson was a woman of exceptional ability and untiring energy; her loss will be greatly felt by all members of the Q.A.I.M.N.S.

A Memorial Service was held at Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, London, on July 20th, which was attended by many of her friends.

SISTER MARY PATTERSON THOMSON.

We record with sincere regret the passing, on July 5th, in her seventy-eighth year, of Sister Mary Patterson Thomson, for forty years Lady Superintendent of the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland.

On June 9th, 1873, she was one of a little band of seven deaconesses which came from the Tottenham Deaconess Institution, now the Prince of Wales Hospital, Tottenham, London, to undertake the nursing and organisation at Sunderland Infirmary, then a hospital of but 100 beds.

Until 1889, the hospital, which was steadily growing, was entirely staffed by deaconesses; but in that year Sister Mary organised a training school for nurses, which, in due time, reached a high standard of efficiency, and has long been recognised as one of the best provincial training schools in the kingdom.

One who trained under her writes: "I had known her since 1897, when I started my training, and know something of what

her fine personality and sterling Christian character meant in the development of the training school. The nurses who trained under her all looked up to her and were influenced to strive for the high ideals she set before them. Sister Mary spent many hours every day in the wards, becoming personally acquainted with the patients and doing unobtrusively a great work, specially among the men, as a strong advocate of temperance. To her nurses, Sister Mary felt a great responsibility, and we all felt that she watched our work with a very real sympathetic interest; promotion was won by merit—there was no favouritism."

MISS MARGARET STEWART, F.B.C.N.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to report the death of Miss Margaret Stewart, F.B.C.N., Secretary of the Scottish Nurses' Club a well-known member of the Nursing Profession.

Miss Stewart entered the Preliminary School for Nurses of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, in 1892, and after passing successfully through the three months' studies required by that school, entered the service of the Infirmary as a pupil-nurse, eventually becoming a Sister in one of the late Sir William Macewen's wards, and was much valued by him, afterwards doing some private work for him. During that latter time she had much to do with the formation of the Scottish Nurses' Association—and had partly retired. About 1916-1917 a little company of voluntary workers, all members of the Scottish Nurses' Association, met together to see what they could do for their fellow-nurses engaged in military nursing, and decided to start a tea room. Two upper rooms at 103, Bath Street were taken and furnished at the expense of the Association, and found great response from nurses generally. They found the thing that would be most appreciated was a Nurses' Club. Lady Dunlop, wife of the Lord Provost, became interested and kindly brought the matter before him. He called a meeting of a few influential citizens, and the matter was taken up by them. Through the energies of the late Dr. Macgregor Robertson and Mrs. David McCowan, a house was bought. 203, Bath Street re-adapted, furnished and opened free of expense, and Miss Stewart became Honorary Secretary. It was speedily found inadequate, and by the help of Lord Maclay and other friends an adjoining house was acquired.

The S. N. A. Members sunk their share in the work lest it should appear as a Party Club, and it became the Scottish Nurses' Club, but these prejudices have been overcome through the wisdom of Miss Stewart, and now they hope (as a memorial of her work) it will be known as the Scottish Nurses' Association Memorial Club. This is a matter for the Trustees to decide.

There was a very solemn and impressive service held in the Club on Tuesday afternoon, August 2nd, the public rooms being almost a mass of very beautiful flowers and foliage, sent by Lady Ailsa, Culzean Castle, and tastefully arranged by loving hands. The Club looked just as Miss Stewart liked to see it, and the singing and music were beautiful. Dr. Patrick, who arranged the service, seemed to have thought of everything, and the service was most sympathetically conducted by Mr. Platts, and Dr. MacIntyre spoke most sympathetically of her and her work to a large audience of members and friends. There were some very solemn moments at the Club in the forenoon, when the cortège stopped there on its way to Callander, and her friends said their last good-bye to Miss Stewart.

The wreaths sent were many and lovely, a spray of carnations and lavender from Lady Ailsa was buried with her.

A correspondent writes: "Her life exemplified the power of the spirit to conquer the flesh."

Her unexpected death is a great loss to the Nursing Profession, of which she was a public-spirited member. It will be remembered how, as a member of the Central Committee for State Registration of Nurses, she attended its meetings in London, and when the British College of Nurses was formed it at once received her warm support, and she became one of its early Fellows.

COMING EVENTS.

September 23rd.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Meeting. 20, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

September 24th.—British College of Nurses Council Meeting. 39, Portland Place, London, W. 3 p.m.

October 10th to 14th.—National Council of Women of Great Britain. Annual Meeting. Bournemouth.

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