

Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor at the Victoria Hospital, Blackpool.

**Royal Earlswood Institution for Mental Defectives, Redhill.**—Miss A. McMillan, R.G.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and has since been Assistant Matron at Crichton Hall, Crichton Royal, Dumfries.

**General Hospital, Walsall.**—Miss A. Strachan, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Helen's Hospital, Peasley Cross, and has been Sister and Matron at the Cottage Hospital, Wallasey, Theatre Sister at the First Western General Hospital, Assistant Matron, at the County Hospital, Lincoln, Matron of the Birmingham and Midland Ear and Throat Hospital, and Matron of the Birmingham and Midland Hospital for Women.

**Dorking and District Hospital, Dorking.**—Miss S. P. Hooper, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary and Eye Institution, Gloucester, where she has since been Staff Nurse, Night Sister, Day Sister, Sister-in-Charge of Medical and Surgical Male Block, and Assistant Matron.

#### ASSISTANT MATRON.

**Samaritan Free Hospital for Women, Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1.**—Miss F. M. Allen, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, where she later held the post of Ward Sister, and at the City Isolation Hospital, Nottingham. Miss Allen has been a Health Visitor in the county of Nottingham, and has taken a Housekeeping Course at University College Hospital, London, where she afterwards became Housekeeping Sister. She is a Certified Midwife.

**Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Aberdeen.**—Miss M. Will, R.G.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, where she has since held the posts of Night Superintendent and Home Sister. She has also been Ward Sister at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Aberdeen; and Theatre Sister at the War Hospital, Perth. Miss Will is a Certified Midwife.

#### HOME SISTER AND SISTER TUTOR.

**Victoria Hospital, Blackpool.**—Miss A. L. Cook, S.R.N., has been appointed Home Sister and Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Fulham Hospital, London, where she was later Ward Sister. Miss Cook has also been Sister Tutor at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, Pendlebury, is a Certified Midwife, and holds the certificates of the C.S.M.M.G. and the London University Diploma of Nursing.

#### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

The following from QAMNS. for India (temp) to be Staff Nurses: Miss E. M. E. Ievers, June 20, 1927; Miss A. Cheyne, July 11, 1927; Miss E. W. Patrick, July 11, 1927.

The following to be Staff Nurses: Miss G. M. Griffiths, Aug. 2, 1927; Miss E. Prescott, Aug. 15, 1927; Miss H. M. Parker, Aug. 17, 1927.

#### LEGACIES FOR NURSES.

Mr. Alexander Rodger Wilson, of Bridge of Weir, left £50 to Miss Macdonald, matron of Drumpark Nursing Home, for distribution among the staff with the request that she will make "preferential payment to those who have personally attended me while in the home."

Mrs. Mary Browne, of Liverpool, left £100 to Nurse Mary Platt.

Mrs. Susanna Verdin, of South Hampstead, London, N.W., left £7,000, certain jewellery, her grand piano and old Marquetry cabinet to her Nurse, Ellen Stephenson.

Mrs. Ellen Cave of Bristol, left £50 each to Nurse Ellen Jacob and Nurse Nares.

#### THE CATHOLIC NURSES' GUILD.

The Catholic Nurses' Guild will meet on Sunday, April 15th, from 3.0-6.0 p.m., at St. Peter's Hall, Westminster. Lecture by Rev. Fr. Thurston, S.J., on Christian Science.

Owing to the Easter Holidays, the Guild Meeting at SS. John's and Elizabeth's Hospital, will take place on Saturday, April 14th, at 3.0 p.m., instead of on the first Saturday of the month.

## THE PASSING BELL.

### WILHELMINA MOLLETT.

To many members of the Nursing Profession, both at home and overseas, the death of Miss Wilhelmina Jane (Mina) Mollett, at Caldera, Chile, in her seventieth year, will cause deep regret, for Miss Mollett was one of its most brilliant and versatile members, and had Medicine or Literature been her chosen profession she would unquestionably have made her mark in either.

The eldest daughter of the late Mr. John William Mollett, B.A., of Brazenose College, Oxford, of Huguenot extraction, and of a German mother, she was richly dowered with intellectual gifts. She was born at Northfleet in Kent, and educated partly in England, but principally in Hanover, spending subsequently the impressionable years of her early youth in Hanover and Paris.

Miss Mollett entered St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, as a probationer in 1882, and, upon obtaining its certificate, was appointed a Sister at the East London Hospital for Children at Shadwell. She then held successively the positions of Superintendent of Nursing at the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases in Queen Square, Bloomsbury, and of the Chelsea Poor Law Infirmary, for a short time was Matron of a Nursing Institution in Johannesburg, and in 1892 was appointed Matron of the Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital, and held this position for 18 years, when she retired from active professional life.

She was one of the first members, and later a Vice-President, and Hon. Secretary, of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, and a Vice-President of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

In 1901 she attended the Congress of the International Council of Nurses in Buffalo, U.S.A., as the Delegate of the Matrons' Council, and most of its subsequent Congresses.

In 1913 she delivered the second Isla Stewart Oration, in which she dealt sympathetically and brilliantly with the life and work of this great leader.

The last years of her life were spent in Chile with her sister, who is a leading educationist.

She was a Foundation Member (Councillor) of the International Council of Nurses, and her death removes one more of that rapidly decreasing group.

### GENEVIEVE COOKE, R.N., Professional Journalist.

Early members of National Councils of Nurses will be saddened to learn of the death of Miss Genevieve Cooke, one of the founders of the California State Nurses' Association, who attended the Congress of the International Council of Nurses at Buffalo, in 1901, and the Interim Conference in Paris in 1907, where her attractive personality and professional feeling and courage won for her much appreciation and many friends.

Miss Theresa Earles McCarthy, R.N., and Miss S. Gotea Dozier, R.N., in an Appreciation of their beloved leader and friend in "The Pacific Coast Journal of Nursing," relate that she was the eighth child of a pioneer family, her parents being English, and was born in a little mining town in the high Sierras of California. She graduated as a nurse soon after her nineteenth birthday, and for thirteen years did private nursing, becoming later interested in corrective exercises, physical training and massage, and established herself in an office in San Francisco for her professional work.

At an early Session of the California State Nurses' Association Miss Cooke brought up the question of issuing regularly a small paper or pamphlet, but the President, Miss Sophia L. Rutley, expressed the view that the organisation was still too young to attempt such an undertaking.

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