

PRESENTATION TO PRINCESS MARY.

Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, has accepted from the Royal Medico-Psychological Association its gold badge and clasp, and its hon. certificate in mental nursing. The deputation received by Her Royal Highness at Chesterfield House, consisted of members of the Medical Profession, and the President, Professor Shaw Bolton, read an address.

The Princess, in reply, in expressing her appreciation of the work of the Association for the care of the mentally sick, emphasized the importance of the work of mental nurses in this connection.

THE PASSING BELL.

We greatly regret to record the death of Miss Maud M. Pote-Hunt, A.R.R.C., Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, and President of its Nurses' League, on October 19th, after a long and painful illness. Her many friends, whilst sorrowing for her loss, realise that her release is, to her, great gain. The funeral took place at Plympton St. Mary, Devon, on October 24th. Miss Pote-Hunt was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

It is with much regret that we record the death of Miss D. M. Taylor, late Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S., daughter of the late Dr. William Taylor and sister of Dr. W. Macrae Taylor, consulting Physician, Edinburgh, who died on October 11th, after a few days' illness.

Miss Taylor was trained at Dundee Royal Infirmary, and was appointed to Q.A.I.M.N.S. on July 10th, 1903. She served in Ireland, Egypt, and at Cosham. On the outbreak of war she did Acting Matron's duties at home, and in 1917 went out to Italy as Acting Principal Matron. Later she served for two years at the War Office, and on receiving her substantive promotion to Matron was posted to the Military Hospital, Chatham, and afterwards transferred to Cosham, where she served until she was placed on retired pay on account of ill-health due to active service in December, 1924.

Miss Taylor was the recipient of the following honours, The Royal Red Cross and Bar, Della Salute Publica (Bronze) and M.I.D.

Miss Taylor was an exceptionally capable woman, with wide administrative experience, and deep sympathy will be felt for her relatives in their bereavement.

The sudden death of Miss Mabel L. Whiffen, R.R.C., will be a great shock to her many friends. Miss Whiffen, who was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, where she was subsequently a Sister, and was afterwards Matron of the Royal Hospital, Chesterfield, served in various Military Hospitals during the Great War in that capacity. Of recent years she has been on the staff of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales at 20, Portland Place, London, W.

LEGACIES FOR NURSES.

Canon J. O. N. Bardsley, Vicar and Rural Dean of Lancaster, left to Nurse Cheshire, whose last known address was 57, Brockley Rise, Forest Hill, S.E., the income for life from the residue of his property "in appreciation of the fact that she saved my life in a second operation in 1920. May other nurses not meet with the same treatment in the profession, for after losing her hearing she lost her employment, and received no pension."

The Rev. Charles Townshend Wickham, Twyford, Hants, left £250, 1,000 Seven per Cent. Department of Seine Bonds, and a further £50 for each year of service in excess of five years, to his nurse and housekeeper, Agnes Kate Trethewey.

Mr. Pandelli Ralli, J.P., of Belgrave Square, S.W., formerly Liberal M.P. for Bridport and for Wallingford, left £1,500 to his night nurse, Frederick Vant, "who has so carefully attended me during my recent illness."

Mr. Harold Mawdsley, of Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, left £150 to his nurse, Sarah Selley.

Mr. William Turner Brendon, of Plymouth, left £50 to his nurse, Kate L. Brown, in his service at his death.

Mrs. Mary Anne Northway Batchelor, of Stratford-on-Avon, left £100 per annum to Nurse Mary Rose Tate.

Mrs. Edith Mary Thoroton Bromley, of Woburn Sands, left £100 and £350 a year to Nurse Annie Baker.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The Annual Meeting and Conference of the National Council of Women of Great Britain, held in York, from October 15th to 19th, opened with a service in the Minster and an address by the Archbishop. At the close of the service, an interesting ceremony took place, when the President (Lady Emmott), followed by over 700 delegates, walked to the Five Sisters Window and placed a wreath below it in memory of the women who gave their lives in the War.

At the opening of the sessions, Lady Emmott (President) and the other honorary officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. Three of the resolutions passed were of special interest to nurses. One dealing with Maternal Mortality urged "that the Ministry of Health shall be given every facility for the promotion of research work and for the carrying out of preventive and remedial measures." Another urged the Government "to further legislation for the early treatment of Nervous and Borderland patients, with the object of avoiding mental suffering and of raising the standard of national efficiency, and that this National Council of Women should consider what active steps could be taken to get the Report of the Royal Commission incorporated in new legislation." The third urged the Government "to put pressure on the Board of Control and Local Authorities to secure adequate provision for the care of mentally deficient persons, as provided by the Mental Deficiency Acts, and the Education Act, 1921."

Four well-attended public meetings were held, and the Lord Mayor, in addition to welcoming the delegates very graciously, gave a brilliant Reception in their honour.

Before leaving York, a large party was conducted round the Minster by Canon Bell, who pointed out its interesting associations with the beginnings of Christianity in England, as well as various other points of beauty and interest, including the stained glass in the magnificent windows, which are the crowning glory of the Minster.

The death, on October 26th, of Miss Emily Janes, Organising Secretary from 1895-1917 of the National Council of Women of Great Britain (originally the National Union of Women Workers) will be a cause of great regret to very many of those associated with her, who had a profound admiration for her untiring and disinterested public work, and for her fine personality. Her deep interest in the Council for which she did so much remained keen to the end. A Memorial Service will be held at Christ Church, Victoria Street, Westminster, on Friday, November 16th, at 12.15 p.m.

Those who admired and loved Dame Ellen Terry will be glad to know that it is proposed to acquire, as a public possession, "Small Hythe Place," the fine old Tudor timbered house, between Tenterden and Rye, where she spent the greater part of the last twenty-five years of her life, and where she died; that two rooms shall be kept much as they were in her lifetime, preserving the atmosphere of simplicity which surrounded her, and keeping intact the relics of her personal belongings; and that a third room shall be furnished and used as a library, chiefly of books relating to the drama and theatre, of which Dame Ellen's own collection, which contains many volumes annotated by Sir Henry Irving and herself, would form the nucleus, together with a small museum of theatrical relics of historical interest; and also to adapt a barn adjoining the house as a theatre where small festivals can be held.

It is estimated that the scheme, of which Sir Johnston Forbes Robertson is Chairman, and Lady Maud Warrender Hon. Treasurer, can be adequately carried out and endowed for £15,000, and it is proposed to make a public appeal for this sum.

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