

workers about case records. This meeting together at mid-day is a very desirable thing, as it gives the nurses an opportunity for interchange of ideas about their respective and mutual work.

Each nurse contributes in her turn to the upkeep of the kitchen and cooking utensils, the cost of the food and of a woman to do the cooking. I am told the plan works out very satisfactorily, and is quite economical.

I was specially struck with the ability of all the Public Health Nurses whom I met for lucid, descriptive speaking. I learned that a course of public speaking is included in their year of special training, six weeks of the term being devoted to this subject. Public speaking is considered very essential, as the Canadian nurse, in health work, is a health teacher not only in the homes but is very often called upon to conduct mothers' classes, fathers' classes, or classes of school children. One branch in Montreal is conducting group classes of mothers, twenty in each group, so that the nurse acquires intimate knowledge of each mother and her special needs. Mothers themselves take part in discussions, which are, of course, all about the subjects in which they are most interested—child behaviour, sleep, diet, sex hygiene, etc. These classes are taken advantage of principally by the best and keenest type. Educational posters are the order of the day at all the Welfare Centres, and they are all of a first-rate type, containing plain, sensible, terse, health advice, coupled with colourful illustrations.

But I have said nothing about the Congress Meetings! Shall I ever forget those opening Addresses of Welcome and the singing of "O Canada" by thousands of nurses; the Roll Call of the countries, when we greeted our sister nurses from the four winds of the globe, the giving of the Watchword "SERVICE" by Miss Breay in the absence of the Founder? My soul would be altogether dead were I ever to forget the inspiration of that wonderful night when the new countries were affiliated, with the flag of each represented nation carried on to the stage by the Girl Guides and the National Anthem of each nation simultaneously played by the band, and then the wonderful speech by our own dear Mrs. Strong! Oh, we were proud of her, we Scots. It was typical of her to sum up the nurse's highest attainment as the attainment of character. He was a genius, that band conductor, when he conceived the idea of striking up "Auld Lang Syne." We could not but deeply respect and admire the fine women of other lands, many of whom had attained their positions by sheer pluck, having fewer advantages, many of them, than most of us.

This was my first experience of an International Council of Nurses' Congress, and I hope with all my heart that it may not be the last.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Matron Miss L. M. Toller, R.R.C., M.M., retires on ret. pay (Aug. 19); Sister Miss M. E. M. Grierson, R.R.C., to be Acting Matron (March 10th, 1915, to February 28th, 1922) substituted for the notification in the Gazette of June 20th, 1922; Sister Miss C. C. M. Gibb, R.R.C., to be Matron, vice Miss L. M. Toller, R.R.C., M.M., to retired pay (August 19th).

LEGACIES TO NURSES.

Ald. Robert Harold Posnett, of Runcorn, Cheshire, left £500 to Jessie V. L. Brown, orthopaedic nurse, of Yateley, Hants.

THE PASSING BELL.

On Tuesday, August 27th, there passed away at 49, Norfolk Square, Hyde Park, W., Miss Jean Hastie, Superintendent of the Mental Nurses Co-operation, well known to many mental nurses. Cremation took place on August 29th, at Golders Green Crematorium.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

The Royal Infirmary, Sheffield.—Miss W. Bowling, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Nightingale School, St. Thomas's Hospital, London, and has been Ward Sister, Home Sister and Sister Tutor at the Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury, and Sister Tutor and Sister in Charge of the Preliminary Training School, St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, London.

Lester Chinese Hospital, Shantung Road, Shanghai, China. Miss E. Hope Bell, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, and has been Matron at the London Mission Hospital for Men, Hankow, China, General Secretary, Nurses' Association of China, and is a Certified Midwife.

DIRECTRESS OF NURSES.

Graduate Hospital, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, U.S.A.—Miss E. B. Ross, R.N., M.A., R.R.C., F.B.C.N., has been appointed Directress of Nurses. She was trained at the General Hospital, Montreal, Canada, where she was later Charge Nurse of the Out Patients Department. Miss Ross has also been Night Supervisor, and Assistant Superintendent of Nurses, at the Roosevelt Hospital, New York City, Directress of Nurses, Polyclinic Hospital, Philadelphia, has done Post Graduate Work at Teachers' College, Columbia University, and been Superintendent of Nurses, Minneapolis City Hospitals, Minneapolis. From 1915-1919 Miss Ross was engaged in Military Nursing in Belgium, France and England, and afterwards was Assistant to the Superintendent, Women's Hospital, New York City, Lady Superintendent at the Victoria Hospital and Children's War Memorial Hospital, London, Ontario, Canada, and Directress of Nurses, General Hospital, Olean, New York.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea.—Miss E. Berd, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at King's College Hospital, London, and at Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton. Miss Berd has been Ward Sister at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury, Night Sister at Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton, and Casualty Sister at the West London Hospital, Hammersmith. She holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, and is a Certified Midwife.

SISTER TUTOR AND THEATRE SISTER.

The Hospital, Farnborough, Kent.—Miss J. Thomas, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor and Theatre Sister. She was trained at the Poor Law Infirmary, Swansea, and has since been Staff Nurse, Ward Sister, and Theatre Sister at Booth Hall Infirmary, Manchester, and is a Certified Midwife.

NIGHT SISTER.

St. Mary's Hospital for Women and Children, Manchester.—Miss J. Wiles, S.R.N., has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, and at the North Middlesex Hospital, Edmonton, and has since been Sister at the Isolation Hospital, Worthing, the Maternity Home, High Street, Manchester, and St. Luke's Hospital, Manchester. Miss Wiles is a Certified Midwife.

Isolation Hospital and Sanatorium, Leicester.—Miss F. M. Jones, S.R.N., has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the Bagthorpe Infirmary, Nottingham, and at the Birmingham City Hospital, Little Bromwich, where she has been Staff Nurse and Ward Sister. Miss Jones has also been Ward Sister at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth.

WARD SISTER.

Redhill Hospital, Edgware.—Miss R. M. Taylor, S.R.N., has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at the University College Hospital, London, where she was later Sister. Miss Taylor has also been Sister at the Heath Hospital, West Wickham.

The Infirmary, Faversham.—Miss A. Tatham, S.R.N., has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at the North Bierley Union Hospital, Clayton, in affiliation with St. Luke's General Hospital, Bradford, and has since been Staff Nurse at the North Bierley Union Hospital, Ward Sister at Tawe Lodge Infirmary, Swansea, and has done Private Nursing in Hampstead.

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