

THE PASSING BELL.

MISS K. V. MACINTYRE, A.R.R.C.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Miss K. V. Macintyre, for many years Matron of the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan. Miss Macintyre was trained at the Westminster Hospital, London, and was for some years Sister of the Charlotte Ward at the London Hospital, after which she took a prolonged rest before accepting a Sister's post at the National Hospital, Queen Square, Bloomsbury. After holding for a while the position of Matron at the Carmarthen Hospital, she was appointed Matron of the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, to which she rendered devoted service for a quarter of a century. She retired in 1916, and lived mainly with a sister in the North of Scotland.

Miss Macintyre took a keen interest in the organisation of nurses, and was an earnest supporter of the State Registration of Nurses, being a Member of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland (members of which have happy memories of a meeting of the Council held at Wigan by her invitation). In 1912 she attended the meeting of the International Council of Nurses at Cologne. She had a charming personality, and her nurses were devoted to her. "She was," says one, "just and strict, but you felt you could talk to her, and when she smiled it was as if the sun shone."

Personally, we remember that she possessed the quality of gratitude to an uncommon degree. We were able on one occasion to do her a small service, and she never forgot it—it is a rare virtue.

To the end Miss Macintyre took the greatest interest in her former nurses, but latterly her powers were failing and she was ready for rest. Early in the year she caught a chill, pneumonia developed, and after lingering for six weeks she passed away very peacefully.

All those who knew her during her nursing career valued her uprightness of character, her courage in supporting the unpopular movement for the legal status of the Nursing Profession, her loyal affection for those to whom she was attached.

MISS MARGERY HOMERSHAM.

A noted personality has passed away by the death of Miss Margery E. Homersham, of Hampstead, who took a leading part in the demand for the inquiry into the management of the Metropolitan Hospitals in the year 1891. As a probationer at the London Hospital, she realised the great necessity for nursing reform, and gave useful evidence before the Lords Committee of Enquiry, whose report in support of nursing reform, the three years'

standard of training and State Registration was embodied in most valuable blue books without which the historical section of no nurses' library can be considered complete.

Like that of many other courageous reformers, Margery Homersham's professional career suffered from the antagonism which she aroused in exposing serious abuses which have long been remedied.

LEGACIES FOR NURSES.

Miss Hannah Sutcliffe, of Leeds, left £200 to her nurse, Miss Emily Chappell.

Mr. Arthur E. W. Fox, M.B., F.R.C.P., left £32 per annum to Miss Georgina Mary Smith, nurse of his late sister, Miss E. A. P. Fox.

Mr. Robert Bagehot Trenchard, of Bournemouth, after bequests left the residue of his property in trust for his nurse Ada Charlotte Edwards for life, "in recognition of her great kindness and devoted attention to my dear wife in her last illness, and of her great attention to me since my wife's death."

Mr. William R. Goodhew, of Whitstable, left £200 to his nurse, Miss Florence Mary Andrews, and "I desire to acknowledge all the care and attention she has bestowed upon me."

Sir James Bell, Bart., of Montgreenan, Ayrshire, left £500 to Miss M. Courtenay, matron of the Children's Home, at Montgreenan.

Miss Annie Parker, of Bank House, Penrith, left £300 to her nurse, Isabella Strachan.

Mrs. Emma M. Muir, of Teignmouth, left £2,000 in trust for Nurse McMahon for life, "in return for services rendered by her to my late husband," with remainder to the residuary estate.

Mrs. Ada Evans, of Darley Abbey, Derby, left £500 for the purchase of an annuity for the benefit of Sarah Simpson, the Darley village nurse.

LEGAL MATTERS.

ACTION FOR ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE.

The action for alleged negligence brought by a patient (Mrs. Gordon Crotch) in the King's Bench Division against Mr. William Ernest Miles, because a pair of Spencer-Wells

forceps were found in her abdomen eight years after he had performed an abdominal operation upon her, has been widely reported in the Press, and it is only necessary to refer briefly to it here.

It was proved that Mr. Miles had carefully counted his instruments with the theatre sister before and after the operation, that an abdominal operation had been performed on the plaintiff in France, at a later date, and that it is not the practice of French surgeons to have forceps and swabs counted after an operation, and that it was not done in this



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