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Upon her retirement as Superintendent of the Bloomsbury Home, 31, Bedford Place, W.C.1, Miss Wilmshurst, who succeeds Miss Peterkin as General Superintendent of the Queen's Institute, has been presented with a cheque, and a specially and beautifully bound volume of the *Life of Florence Nightingale*, by I. B. O'Malley, in which the names of the donors are inscribed. The gift from the nursing staff took the form of a coal cabinet. Miss Wilmshurst spent thirteen years as Superintendent at Bloomsbury and projected many successful developments.

We deeply regret to report the death of Miss Hester Maclean, R.N., R.R.C., which took place quite recently in Wellington, New Zealand. She was a charming woman of outstanding ability, and the leader of nursing affairs and progress in that Dominion for many years. She was trained at Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney. Miss Maclean held important professional positions in New Zealand. She was at one time Matron-in-Chief of the New Zealand Army Nursing Service, Assistant Inspector of Hospitals and Charitable Institutions, and Deputy-Registrar and Assistant Inspector of Mental Hospitals in the Public Health and Hospitals Department, and she was for many years President of the National Council of Trained Nurses of New Zealand, and Editor of its official organ, *Kaitiaki*. Our colleagues in New Zealand will mourn Hester Maclean with sincere sorrow, and they have our warm sympathy.

The San Francisco Department of Health has, says Dr. J. C. Geiger, in the *American Journal of Nursing* looked into the future of nursing care for the public, and has decided to discontinue the San Francisco Hospital School of Nursing as an undergraduate institution. From January 1st, 1932, no more student nurses will be accepted for training, and a post-graduate school will be established, with a large staff of permanently employed graduate nurses.

This decision follows a careful analysis of costs of

patient care, as well as of the problems of nursing education, and was made with an appreciation of the fact that a school's responsibility in the training of nurses is as great as is its responsibility to supply care to the patients of the hospital with which it is associated.

Advantages of the change from an undergraduate to a post-graduate school of nursing will be: (1) To the hospital by improving the nursing service to patients through having graduate care; (2) to the community by lessening the number of graduates and fitting nurses for positions in special fields where there is at present a lack of qualified material.

"The Frontier Nursing Service for Mother and Child,"

founded by Mrs. Breckenridge of Wendover, Kentucky, U.S.A., has proved one of the most adventurous and entrancing bits of work trained nurse-midwives have had the privilege to help organise, and we have had the great pleasure and privilege of giving a helping hand from the editorial chair of the *B.J.N.* Nurses "on this side" will regret to learn that through difficult times financially no more applicants for service can be accepted at present.

Mrs. Breckenridge writes: "Owing to the conditions at the present time in the United States we are not able to expand any further for the present and as our old nurses seldom leave us we have no positions for new ones and have a very long waiting list." Her many friends will be delighted to learn that Mrs. Breckenridge is making good progress towards recovery after her very serious accident.

"I came back into the

mountains this time not in an ambulance and then on a stretcher, but in a proper motor and the horseback part sitting on an air cushion on a pony led by a mountain friend . . . I have a nice new vertebra but I have to wear a brace day and night. . . I look forward with hope that I shall see you and my other friends at the College within another year or two. I do not know whether I can get to the International gathering in Paris, although I am hoping to be able to make it. If I do, of course, I will stop off in England."

What amazing courage women have in these days! What is a fractured spine? Quite a remedial affair!



Miss Hester Maclean, R.N., R.R.C., late President, National Council of Nurses of New Zealand, and a Friend.

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