

of the days of the 'Lady of the Lamp.' And their training is of the most strenuous nature, calculated to ensure only the survival of the fittest. As probationers, in addition to their work in the wards, which is sufficiently hard, they must attend lectures and classes to enable them to pass the very stiff examinations, success in which is a *sine qua non* for their being fully qualified in their profession, their work of mercy.

Captain M. L. Sant, former Chief Constable of Surrey, referred at a meeting recently of the Surrey County Council to a sum of £68 which had been sent anonymously to Guildford General Hospital. The money, he said, was in £1 Treasury notes, and was sent through

The proposal of the committee that the money should be used to purchase wireless apparatus for the hospital was confirmed.

It is probable that the Committee is right, and the money sent to the Matron was intended for the hospital, but the argument that an officer may not receive financial recognition, by gift or will, can hardly be maintained, especially if the donor is not known. The services of Matrons and nurses in institutions, have we note, been recognised by hospital governors, doctors and others on many occasions, and gratefully accepted.

The following interesting account of the marriage in

Paris on July 19th of Mlle. Marie Leonie van Houtte, one of Edith Cavell's helpers, who aided hundreds of British, French, and Belgian prisoners to escape from Belgium, is given by the *Morning Post*.

Mlle. van Houtte married her biographer, M. Antoine Redier, who graphically told her story in "La Guerre Des Femmes." She was a companion of Louise de Bettignies. The two women for many months ran hair-raising risks, together working their way beneath the barbed wire along the Dutch frontier. Finally they were discovered, and sentenced to death, but the death sentence was commuted to imprisonment. Louise de Bettignies died in the prison at Siegburg, near Cologne, but Mlle. van Houtte was released at the Armistice.

General Weygand, Chief of Staff of the French Army, and M. Andre Tardieu, Minister without portfolio, were the witnesses for the bride. General Gouraud, the one-armed War veteran, and Prince de Robech, were the witnesses for the bridegroom.

The Cardinal Archbishop of Paris spoke of the magnificent courage of the bride.

A little group of surviving members of the helpers of Nurse Cavell, including Louise Thuliez, attended the ceremony.

The term of office of Miss B. G. Alexander as General President of the South African Trained Nurses' Association which she has filled so ably, has now come to an end, and she is succeeded by Miss Florence A. Goodacre, Matron of the New Somerset Hospital, Cape Town, who was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester. We wish her all success in this important position.



Mrs. J. N. Jackaman, great granddaughter of the late Sir William Savory, presenting her bouquet to a patient in St. Bartholomew's Hospital after her marriage.

the post addressed to "The Matron." There was nothing to show for what purpose the money was sent or from whom it came. He contended that the money was meant as a personal gift to the Matron, probably as a thankoffering.

Mr. E. M. Jones, chairman of the public assistance committee, which administers the hospital, said the envelope containing the money was sent to the Matron in her official capacity—she was not mentioned by name—and the committee took the view that she was not entitled to accept money as a personal reward. It was forbidden by the committee's regulations and by the Local Government Act.

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