

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

On Wednesday, November 14th, the Matron-in-Chief and all members will hold their annual At Home at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A selection of music will be played during the afternoon by the band of the Royal Army Medical Corps.

THE PASSING BELL.

MISS MARY ELLEN DAVIS, A.R.R.C., M.M.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death in South Africa, in August, 1934, of Miss Mary Ellen Davis, A.R.R.C., M.M., Sister, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (retired).

Miss Davis was appointed as Staff Nurse in the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, in December, 1910, and promoted to the rank of Sister in May, 1917. For her services in the Great War she was Mentioned in Despatches and awarded the A.R.R.C., and M.M. She retired from the Service in March of last year, and has since been engaged in nursing duties in South Africa. Her untimely and sudden death will be deeply regretted by her friends.

MISS ROSA ELLEN WALLACE, R.R.C., F.B.C.N.

Miss Wallace started her nursing career in 1892 as a Probationer Nurse at Whitechapel. In 1899 she was appointed to be a Head Nurse at St. Giles' Hospital, Camberwell, and left there the following year to become Superintendent Nurse at Gordon Road Institution, Camberwell. She returned to St. Giles' Hospital in 1903 to become the Assistant Matron, which post she held until 1910, when she was selected to be the Matron of Dulwich Hospital, then known as Southwark Infirmary, and which was one of the most progressive hospitals under the Poor Law Guardians. She has been Matron of Dulwich Hospital until her much lamented death at the age of 63 years on October 18th, 1934. Since 1931 she was also Acting Matron of Constance Road Institution.

From 1915 to 1919, Dulwich Hospital became a Military hospital containing 800 beds and about 15,000 soldiers were treated under Miss Wallace's supervision, the majority of whom held her in sincere regard and gratitude.

Miss Wallace has always upheld the highest traditions of the Nursing Profession; her quiet dignity and her insistence on nothing but the very best in all aspects of hospital work,

administration and teaching, have impressed hundreds of members of the nursing profession who were fortunate enough to come under her influence.

She was inspired with a deep sense of professional responsibility and was a most popular President of the Dulwich Hospital Nurses' League—as a Fellow of the British College of Nurses she was a very welcome guest.

For some months this year she has been in poor health and had been confined to bed since July, 1934; the end came peacefully on October 18th. On October 22nd a Memorial Service was held in the hospital Chapel and the service was broadcast to the wards of the hospital and to

other rooms where a large number of visitors and members of the Staff who had been unable to find room in the Chapel were able to follow the service. After the service hundreds of nurses and visitors formed a guard of honour to pay their last respects to one who had been faithful to the noblest traditions of the profession and whose influence and example will bear fruit for many years to come.

Miss E. Eburah, member of the Council of the British College of Nurses, placed in its name a chaplet composed of leaves and acorns, deep red carnations and chrysanthemums.

LEGACIES TO NURSES.

Sir Ernest Wild, K.C., Recorder of London since 1922, who left £32,961, after making provision for his wife and leaving £100 to his chauffeur, left the residue of his property to Miss Dorothy Dixon, of Belgrave-mews, South, S.W., "in grateful recognition of Miss Dorothy Dixon's skill and kindness while nursing me through a serious illness."

"THERE IS NO HAPPINESS WITHOUT LIBERTY AND NO LIBERTY WITHOUT COURAGE."

General Smuts in his Rectorial Address at St. Andrew's University gave an inspiring lead to the young men and women of

the British Commonwealth, and his disbelief in the inevitableness of another great war is heartening in the midst of so much pessimism. He fears the decay of liberty more than the possibility of war, and quoted the famous words of Pericles "*Happiness is Liberty and Liberty Courage.*" And speaking at Dundee on October 14th, this great South African statesman spoke of the happy results which had followed the gift, in 1906, of self government to South Africa.

"That South Africa is to-day a willing part, a co-operating part, whole-heartedly co-operating with the rest of our great Commonwealth," he said, "is largely due to that act of faith, of foresight, and of magnanimity."



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