

OBITUARY.

Miss Lilian Belcher, R.R.C.

We regret to record the death of Miss Lilian Belcher, R.R.C., late Sister Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, which took place in London on 21st February, 1935.

Trained at Huddersfield Infirmary, Miss Belcher was appointed Staff Nurse in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service on 11th November, 1904, and promoted to the rank of Sister on 6th December, 1906.

During the Great War she served as Acting Matron for four years in Mudros, East Africa, and in home stations, retiring from the Service on retired pay in July, 1925.

For her valuable services during the War, Miss Belcher was awarded the decoration of Royal Red Cross, 1st Class, in June, 1916, and mentioned in Despatches in March, 1918.

Sincerest sympathy is extended to her relatives in their bereavement.

Miss Mary E. O'Neill, R.R.C.

We regret to record the death of Miss Mary Elizabeth O'Neill, R.R.C., late Sister in Charge, Queen Alexandra's Military Families Nursing Service, on Saturday, 9th March, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, after a long illness patiently endured.

Miss O'Neill received her training at Guy's Hospital, London, and served as Sister in the Army Nursing Service from 17th February, 1900 to 7th April, 1901, and 13th January, 1902, to 9th December, 1906, part of which time she served in South Africa—later serving in the Military Families and Military Isolation Hospitals from 10th December, 1906, to 27th October, 1916. She was appointed Matron in the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve on 28th October, 1916, and served in that capacity until 28th February, 1921. From 1st March, 1921, until 31st March, 1926, the date on which she retired, she held the rank of Sister in Charge in Queen Alexandra's Military Families' Nursing Service.

For her excellent services she was awarded the Royal Red Cross, 1st Class, in July, 1919.

Sincerest sympathy is extended to her relatives in their bereavement.

LEGACIES TO NURSES.

Mr. Henry (or Harry) Nathaniel Jonas, of the Hotel Metropole, Brighton, left £2,000 to his nurse, Gertrude Truman.

Mrs. Cunard, Portman Square, W., and Stanmore, Middlesex, left an annuity of £260 to her late husband's nurse, Nurse Walshe, during the life of her (testatrix's) sister, £10,000 upon the decease of her sister, upon trust for Nurse Walshe for life, with remainder to the Queen's Institute of District Nursing.

Mrs. Tetley, The Close, Wavendon, left £1,500, her wearing apparel, and such of her household effects, poultry, poultry-houses, etc., as she may select to her nurse, Laura Susan Adams, if still in her service.

Mr. Arthur N. Brown, Bucklebury Common, left a sum not exceeding £21 to each nurse attending him in his last illness at the discretion of his executors.

HYGIENE WEEK AT GENEVA.

The "Congrès International des Travaux d'Hygiene Publique," will meet in Geneva, for a "Hygiene Week" in the middle of May, which promises to be a very interesting and instructive meeting. Members of our National Council who may wish to attend it should take the opportunity of visiting I.C.N. Headquarters at 14, Quai Gustave Ador, Geneva, where they are sure of a courteous welcome from Miss Anna Schwarzenberg, the Executive Secretary.

BUY BRITISH.

If you are buying medals in connection with the celebration of His Majesty's Silver Jubilee, be sure you buy British, as crude medals are being imported into this country from foreign countries for sale. Anyway, honour His Majesty by wearing a medal made in his own country.

AMPHYL.

A New Non-Corrosive Antiseptic.

The ideal for an antiseptic agent is that it shall be of high germicidal power and low toxicity, therefore we have pleasure in drawing the attention of our readers to AMPHYL, a new non-corrosive antiseptic recently introduced by the makers of Marshall's Lysol.

The disadvantages of many antiseptics in common use are insufficiency of germicidal strength, impairment of germicidal action in the presence of organic matter, lack of penetration, local irritant or toxic action, and unpleasant odour.

AMPHYL comes before us with the claim that it is an exceptionally potent germicide with uniform action against different types of pathogenic bacteria, there is absence of irritation, and it does not retard the growth of living tissue, it is efficient in the presence of organic matter, and it is of superior spread and penetration (owing to low surface tension of its solutions).

These are qualities which must commend it to all nurses and midwives, and it should have a widespread sphere of usefulness, especially will its low toxicity be appreciated by those in district practice.

SEA BREEZES.

On the Sea Front Estate, South Hayling, Hants, is a comfortably furnished Bungalow, belonging to a nurse, which she wants to let, for a long let if possible, if not, by the month. It contains two bedrooms, one sitting-room, kitchen, bath, and modern conveniences, and is electric heated. There is a nice small flower garden and lawn, and all within two minutes' walk of the sea. This sounds very enticing. If enquiries by letter are sent to the Secretary, British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, addressed "Floraves," they will be forwarded.

TURN O' THE YEAR.

This is the time when bit by bit
The days begin to lengthen sweet
And every minute gained is joy—
And love stirs in the heart of boy.

This is the time the sun of late
Content to lie abed till eight,
Lifts up betimes his sleepy head—
And love stirs in the heart of maid.

This is the time we dock the night
Of a whole hour of candlelight;
When song of linnet and thrush is heard—
And love stirs in the heart of bird.

This is the time when sword-blades green,
With gold and purple damascene,
Pierce the brown crocus-bed a-row—
And love stirs in a heart I know.

—KATHARINE TYNAN.

A WORD FOR THE MONTH

Dans l'âme unie à Dieu, c'est toujours le printemps.—
Curé d'Arx.

If you want to grow beautiful roses, you must first grow them in the heart.—*Dean Hoë.*

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