

MISS F. HILDA WATTS.

We have pleasure in reproducing this portrait of Miss Florence Hilda Watts, who was appointed Secretary of the Australian Branch of the Royal British Nurses' Association in September, 1934.

Miss Watts has been a member since 1918. She trained at the Adelaide General Hospital and, since leaving that institution, she has nursed privately both in Adelaide and in New South Wales. Miss Watts has also had experience in the Australian Army Nursing Service and in Military Hospitals. For five years she took charge of the welfare department in a large industrial firm. From a South Australian Member who was over here recently we hear that Miss Watts has the reputation of being very enterprising, energetic and an able organiser. She is likely to prove a very popular Secretary, especially among the Nurses who have their headquarters at the Club in Adelaide.

THE RAMBLERS CLUB

The Ramblers Club had a very interesting afternoon when they went over the General Post Office. It was a real revelation to see all the rapid and organised system by means of which our highly evolved postal service is carried on in the various departments of activity. It was difficult to realise that the baskets, running by machinery to their various destinations, on a network of rails above our heads, were not endowed with any life of their own as they hurried, busily important, on their way and there was universal amusement, in another department, when one sack refused to journey up the ascending escalator with its fellows but kept turning somersaults like some mischievous and refractory brown gnome. The railway trains of our letters are very interesting and just as important probably as those we are used to travelling on ourselves; the General Post Office boasts of the longest railway platform in London.

But it was the actual sorting offices of the letter departments that were particularly interesting. Seventeen and a half million letters and communications of other kinds are dealt with there weekly and the process of ensuring the safety of registered letters amply justifies any additional postage we may incur for these.

Several amusing incidents were related at the department where difficult addresses are sent to be deciphered. We

were told that the greatest triumph of the General Post Office in this direction lies in the following incident. A letter was sent to the department addressed as follows:—Mr. Blank, S.S. Fairy Arigabba. The first course, in the process of identification, is to establish a clue and the commencement of the address indicated a ship. But the name of the town puzzled everyone until a cockney came to the rescue at last and located the town indicated after

due reflection—Harwich Harbour; the letter was sent off and found its owner. If the incident involved an attempt to puzzle the Post Office, with what seemed an insoluble problem at first, we hope the perpetrator of this test lost a wager on his own account. Other amusing stories of a similar kind were related and evidently humour is to be located in this particular department of the great postal service which is so important a factor in national and international life.



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generosity to many who were in trouble and we know of at least one Member of the Association who speaks with the greatest gratitude and appreciation of Miss Boldero's kindness to her when her eyesight became seriously affected. The generosity of nurses one to another is proverbial. We offer sincere sympathy to her sister, Miss E. A. Boldero, in her great loss.

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OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Miss Alice Edith Boldero, one of the Founder Members of the Association. Miss Boldero was trained at the Borough Hospital, Birkenhead, and the Middlesex Hospital, London. She also held the Diploma of the London Obstetrical Society. For seven years Miss Boldero was Sister of Queen's Ward at the Middlesex Hospital. Later, she established a Nursing Home at Margate, but early in the war she converted this into a home for Belgian wounded soldiers and accomplished, we are told, some very fine work in this direction.

Miss Boldero took a very keen interest in the Association so long as her health permitted her to and she was especially kind to its various benevolent works. But she did not confine her philanthropy to the Association's benevolent schemes, for a friend remarked to us on her

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