

THE PASSING BELL.

We much regret to record the recent deaths of the following members of the Nursing Profession.

Miss Dorothy Mary Purnell, Sister, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, died at Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank, in her 33rd. year.

Trained at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, Miss Purnell was appointed Staff Nurse in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service on 20th May, 1929, and promoted to the rank of Sister on 20th March, 1932. From June, 1934, when she was transferred home from India on account of her illness, she was a patient in Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank.

Miss Purnell was a very promising member of the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, and her bright and attractive personality gained her many friends amongst her colleagues by whom her untimely death will be deeply regretted.

Miss Marion Irene Lindars, Matron of the Evelina Hospital for Sick Children, Southwark Bridge Road, S.E. She was trained at Westminster Hospital, and the Evelina Hospital, where she held various positions of responsibility before being appointed Matron there fifteen years ago. She was a registered nurse on the General Part of the Register and also on the Sick Children's Register. The interment took place at Reading on June 28th, and she will be sincerely missed by a large circle of colleagues and pupils.

Miss Annie Harris, the first Matron of the Homoeopathic Hospital at Tunbridge Wells, who had been in failing health for some time, recently died in a nursing home there. She trained at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, and one who trained under her many years ago, while waiting for admission to a general hospital, writes: "She set the standard to many young nurses at the beginning of their career." She was buried with every mark of respect at the Southborough cemetery.

Miss Rose A. L. Conway who will be remembered by many of the older members associated in the Royal British Nurses' Association and the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses in the struggle for State Registration, of which she was always a staunch supporter by personal service and with generous financial aid.

She was trained in the early eighties at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, and received further special training at the New Hospital for Women, London. Afterwards she was for many years engaged in private nursing. There are many of her colleagues who will remember the courage with which she played her part in the registration fight and will honour her memory.

FIRST AID IN CHEMICAL WARFARE.

The British Red Cross Society is organising a Course of Instruction in First Aid in Chemical Warfare for Trained Nurses, consisting of eight lectures and practical work followed by an examination for the Society's certificate, beginning on Wednesday, November 13th, at 8 p.m., and continuing on Mondays and Wednesdays at the same hour. Only those who can take the full course are eligible to attend.

Applications should be made on the form obtainable for the purpose from 14, Grosvenor Crescent, S.W.1. The fee for the Course is 7s. 6d., which should be forwarded with the application form.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and sixty-eighth meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 20, Portland Place, London, W., on June 28th. The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

The Chairman tendered to Mr. H. L. Eason, on behalf of the Council, congratulations on his appointment as Vice-Chancellor of the University of London.

Miss R. A. Cox-Davies congratulated Miss E. M. Musson upon receiving the King's Jubilee Medal; in replying, Miss Musson thanked the Council and said that other members of the Council had also been so honoured—Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, Miss R. Darbyshire, Miss Helen Dey and Miss E. E. P. MacManus.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £120 for postage stamps, £25 for insurance stamps, and £15 for petty cash were allowed.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration on June 28th, 1935, were:—General Register, by reciprocity, 19; Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses, by examination, 9, by reciprocity, 1. Total 29.

On the recommendation of the Registration Committee, it was agreed that 33 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

It was agreed that the Minister of Health be asked to authorise additions and amendments to the Rules in regard to the setting up of a test educational examination, the prescribed manner of using the Seal, and other minor amendments.

Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, it was agreed that Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea, be approved as a complete training school for nurses.

It was agreed that the scheme of affiliation between the following hospitals be cancelled, but without prejudice to the position and rights of nurses already admitted thereto under the scheme:—

Southgate Isolation Hospital, London, and the Hornsey, Finchley and Wood Green Joint Isolation Hospital, London.

West Cornwall Miners' and Women's Hospital, Redruth, and the Prince of Wales' Hospital, Plymouth.

Denbighshire Infirmary, Denbigh, and the Chester Royal Infirmary.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Council to the fact that she would be going abroad early next month, and as the Vice-Chairman was ill, it would be necessary for the Council to appoint some one to act in the absence of the Chair.

Miss R. Cox-Davies was unanimously elected to fill this position.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Friday, July 26th.

House Committee.

The Report of the House Committee was then taken *in camera*.

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