

NIGHT SISTER

Farnborough Hospital.—Miss K. D. Austen, S.R.N., has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich, where she took Staff and Ward Sister's holiday duties; and has been Assistant Night Sister at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading; and Night Sister at the City Lodge Hospital, Cardiff.

HOME SISTER.

Royal Infirmary Leicester.—Miss Phyllis E. Edwards, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Third Home Sister. She was trained at St. Chad's Hospital, Birmingham, and Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham, and has been Ward Sister at the Erdington Infirmary, Theatre Sister at St. Chad's Hospital, and Night Sister at Glan Ely Hospital, Cardiff. Miss Edwards has also been a Queen's District Nurse, and holds a Housekeeping Certificate.

HEALTH VISITOR.

City Public Health Department, Leicester.—Miss M. D. Lloyd, S.R.N., has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, and at the Park Fever Hospital, Lewisham; and has been temporary Health Visitor in North Islington.

THE SOMERSET HOSPITAL, CAPE TOWN.

On September 12th the Cape Hospital Board, at which there was a full attendance, presided over by Mr. W. James, unanimously, and without discussion, approved the appointment of Miss E. M. Pike as Matron of the Somerset Hospital. Mrs. Horwood, who presided over the Selection Committee and made the recommendation, was, as reported in *The Cape Times*, able to announce that the choice of Miss Pike had the full concurrence of the Somerset Hospital Committee, and the Medical Advisory Committee. The recommendation will now be forwarded to the Administrator.

Miss Pike was trained at the Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, and on the outbreak of war in 1914 volunteered for service, and served throughout the war, being one of the first seven nurses to enter Mons. She served at clearing stations on the Somme, and on one occasion shared the experience of doctors and patients in being shelled out. She had also exciting experiences at La Panne, Arras, Bethune, Passchendaele and Cambrai.

On returning to London in 1919 she worked at the Chelsea Hospital for Women, and Queen Charlotte's Hospital, and in 1922 went on a visit to South Africa, and decided when there to apply for a post as Ward and Theatre Sister at the Provincial Hospital, Port Elizabeth, of which she was ultimately promoted to the position of Matron, and during her term of office organised a Maternity Training School in connection with it.

Miss Pike is a certificated anaesthetist, and speaks Afrikaans, having passed the Laer Taalbond and obtained the Afrikaans "B" certificate.

Her experience of organisation should be of value to her in her new post when Cape Town's new General Hospital at Groote Schuur replaces the Somerset Hospital.

RESIGNATIONS.

The resignation of Miss Ruth E. Darbyshire, R.R.C., of the Matronship of University College Hospital, has caused widespread regret in the nursing world, for the important positions she has held have brought her into contact with nurses in all ranks of the profession, and her geniality and social qualities have endeared her to many.

Trained at St. Thomas's Hospital and afterwards a Sister there, she was subsequently Matron at the Royal Infirmary, Derby; Matron at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, and during her tenure of office there was Principal Matron of the 2nd London General Hospital Territorial Force Nursing Service. She was then appointed Chief Lady Superintendent of Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association, and on her return from India was appointed Matron of University College Hospital, and is

President of its Nurses' League. She is a Lady of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and holds the Kaiser-i-Hind Medal (1st class).

Miss Darbyshire is Vice-Chairman of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

She is widely travelled in Australia, India, Burma, U.S.A., and Canada, and hopes to spend the coming winter and spring in India and Australia, from which we hope she will return with renewed health. Before leaving she has been the recipient of many gifts and good wishes.

Miss Constance E. Todd, R.R.C., M.M., S.R.N., Matron of St. James's Hospital, Balham, who is resigning that position after holding it for twenty-five years, was trained at Guy's Hospital, S.E., and has had a varied and adventurous career. She subsequently did private nursing in Egypt and was a temporary Sister at the Kasr-el-Aini Hospital, Cairo, and Home Sister at the Middlesex Hospital, London. During the Great War she did nursing in France, and as Matron of the St. John Ambulance Brigade Hospital at Etaples was in charge when it was bombed so badly that it had to be evacuated. It was for her efficiency and courage on this occasion that she subsequently received the Military Medal. She remained in charge of a hospital at Deauville till the conclusion of the War.

Miss Todd is a State Certified Midwife and is a Dame of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Miss D. M. Dickinson draws our attention to the fact that she was not trained at Brompton Hospital, as well as at Charing Cross Hospital, but that she attended a post-graduate course of lectures at Brompton Hospital, and passed the subsequent examination. It was in connection with this examination that she received a certificate.

THE PASSING BELL.

Miss Mary Livingstone Cameron, R.G.N., R.S.C.N., F.B.C.N.

We greatly regret to record the death of Miss Mary Livingstone Cameron, R.G.N., R.S.C.N. (Scotland). She received her general training at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and children's training at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow. She held successively the positions of Ward Sister, Theatre Sister, and Matron at that Hospital, holding the position of Matron until early this year, when ill health compelled her to resign, to the great regret of the Board of Management, the Medical Superintendent and the Nursing Staff.

Miss Cameron was the first Registered Children's Nurse to be elected to the General Nursing Council for Scotland to represent Sick Children's Nurses, and retained this position until the present year.

She was a deeply religious woman with a strong belief in the vocational character of Nursing which she infused into many of those with whom she came in contact. It was this aspect of the ideals of the British College of Nurses which, amongst others, appealed to her. She was one of its earliest Fellows, applying for Fellowship in August, 1926, and she certainly lived up to the solemn promise which she made on taking its Obligation—"I will constantly strive both by my personal conduct and my professional work, to reflect credit on the Profession of Nursing and on The British College of Nurses."

We offer our sincere sympathy to her sisters in their bereavement.

Mrs. Georgiana Lynn.

The death on October 5th of Georgiana, widow of Vaughan C. Lynn, late of Best and Co., Madras, in her 85th year, will recall Miss Turner, for some years Sister of Lawrence Ward, St. Bartholomew's Hospital. She was a very pretty woman, with a lively wit, and her sayings were proverbs in the nursing world for many a day. After a wealthy marriage, she lived for some years in India, and on returning home passed the many years of her widowhood on her estate in Surrey. In her old age she kept in touch with some of her old Nurses at Bart's, who will miss her friendship.

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