

THE PASSING BELL.**SISTER A. M. C. McCLELLAND.**

We deeply regret to announce the death of Sister A. M. C. McClelland, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., who was previously reported missing and is now presumed to have been killed in action at sea, February 15th, 1942, after the fall of Singapore.

Sister McClelland trained at the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, from 1934 till 1938, and was enrolled in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. on April 15th, 1940. She embarked for service overseas in July, 1940.

To duty faithful she gave her life.

MRS. EMMA HAMILTON GIBSON, S.R.N.

We are beginning to realise the terrible strain of war, now that it is supposed to have passed—so many of our older colleagues are passing away.

On Saturday, March 23rd, 1946, we learned of the death of Mrs. Emma Hamilton Gibson, widow of J. Hamilton Gibson, of 91, Belmont Avenue, Cockfosters, after a long illness.

Mrs. Hamilton Gibson, S.R.N., was a member of the Royal British Nurses Association, and its Treasurer for many years. She was also a member of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., her many amiable qualities being sincerely appreciated by her colleagues—and such women, devoted to the best interests of nursing as a highly skilled profession, are difficult to replace.

Mrs. Hamilton Gibson was married from 194, Queen's Gate and was known as a very devoted wife—indeed, the death of her husband was a loss from which she never really recovered.

Her funeral was held at Golders Green Crematorium on Wednesday, March 27th, attended by many friends.

MISS LILY WARRINER, S.R.N.

We regret to report the death of Miss Lily Warriner, S.R.N., who passed away on March 30th, after some weeks severe illness. Lily Warriner was trained at the Manchester Royal Infirmary from 1886 to 1890, than which in those days there was no finer practical school of nursing.

Lily Warriner was a very skilful attendant on the sick and it was her pleasure to devote herself to nursing troops in illness—whenever possible. A member of the Royal British Nurses Association, which, helped her financially in her old age, we thank her warmly for her skill and devotion to men at home and abroad who fought for liberty in many parts of the world.

APPOINTMENT.**ASSISTANT MATRON.**

County Hospital, Lenham, Kent. Miss W. M. Keyte, S.R.N. S.C.M. has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Hackney Hospital, the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, and King's College Hospital, London.

BLIND PHYSIOTHERAPISTS.

Twenty-five blind men and women students at the National Institute for the Blind School sat for the recent examinations of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, and all passed. They included a W.R.N.S., an A.T.S., a civilian air raid victim, and an ex-P.O.W.

APPOINTMENTS.

Sir Alfred Webb-Johnson, president of the Royal College of Surgeons, has accepted the presidency of the Association of Certificated Blind Masseurs. The Association exists to safeguard the professional interests of blind chartered physiotherapists.

Dr. William Moodie has been appointed general consulting psychologist to the National Institute for the Blind.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LTD.

A meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., took place at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, on Thursday, April 11th.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, S.R.N., President, was in the Chair, and Prayers having been read by the Hon. Secretary, Miss A. Stewart Bryson, S.R.N., the Minutes were agreed and signed. The absence of several members on account of illness was sincerely regretted, and it was agreed the sympathy of the Council should be conveyed to them.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

The reply of the Minister of Health was received with disappointment. He did not intend to have Regulation 19 of the Nurses Act, 1943, amended. He can therefore continue to use the Registered Nurses subscriptions and official property for the organisation of unregistered nurses, partly trained and in professional competition with Registered Nurses. A most unjustifiable proceeding.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A very numerous list of letters were reported.

1. Correspondence and Agenda from Miss M. S. Cochrane, Hon. Secretary, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.
2. From the Secretary, St. Dunstons.
3. Copy of letter sent to the Chairman of the London County Council re re-election of Matron.
4. Letters of thanks for Christmas gifts from the Dominions.
5. Interesting communication from Miss A. R. Ffolliott, F.B.C.N., principal Matron Q.A.I.M.N.S., concerning present-day conditions in the nursing world.
6. National Health Services Bill. The President spoke briefly on the provisions in the National Health Services Bill and distributed copies for study to members of Council present.
7. Financial Statement. A very encouraging Financial Report was presented and received with pleasure. Dividends from two Railway Companies had been received amounting to £3,272, an increase of nearly £1,000 on that received last year.

The Council were of opinion that this increase would enable the College to send more than one Delegate to the International Congress of Nurses to be held at Atlantic City, U.S.A., in May, 1947.

The British College of Nurses, Ltd., has under consideration a tour for its members so that they may enjoy visits to Washington and Virginia—to the original homes of the Pilgrim Fathers—and to Canada, and this financial support will enable it to arrange that its representatives will be able to make the most of their time. Thus College members should be thoroughly instructed by experts of the work accomplished by the International Congress of Nurses, and conditions of nursing in U.S.A. and Canada.

EDUCATIONAL MEMORIALS.

The Educational Memorials to the late Dr. Bedford Fenwick and Miss Margaret Breay, F.B.C.N. received further consideration.

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