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MEMORIAL TABLET TO AN INFIRMARY NURSE.

UNVEILED AT
CUCKFIELD WORKHOUSE CHAPEL.

A short but impressive service was held at the Cuckfield Workhouse Chapel on Friday afternoon for the purpose of unveiling a memorial tablet to the late Nurse Susan Ivy Wilson, an officer at the institution, who died there during the influenza epidemic in November, 1918.

The relatives present were Mr. and Mrs. Wilson (father and mother), the Misses May and Daisy Wilson (sisters) and a sister-in-law. The Cuckfield Board of Guardians was represented by Major J. J. Lister, J.P. (Chairman), Mr. T. Canniford (Vice-Chairman), the Rev. Gerald Tirdal-Atkinson, Mr. L. H. B. Shand, Mr. J. A. Manning, Mr. S. Knight, Miss Payne, Miss Perez and Mr. E. J. Waugh (Clerk). Others present included Canon Wilson (Chaplain) and Mrs. Wilson, Mr and Mrs E. Blasdale Holmes (Master and Matron), Sister Claydon and a number of nurses and inmates of the institution.

The Rev. Canon WILSON conducted the service, which commenced with the hymn "Let Saints on earth in concert sing," Miss P. Mitchell being at the organ. Major LISTER read the lesson, which was taken from the third chapter of Wisdom, the passage commencing "The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God."

The CHAPLAIN said they were met together that afternoon for the purpose of unveiling a memorial to one whom they all knew, as she had worked at the Infirmary. It was just a year ago, during the epidemic of influenza, that Nurse Susan Ivy Wilson died, and he could safely say that she made herself loved by all who knew her.

Major LISTER said he had been asked by the Board of Guardians to unveil the tablet. He could not add much to what had been said by Canon Wilson, but so far as they could trace, Nurse Wilson had been the only officer to pass away during service at that institution. She possessed the qualities of gentleness and brightness and did her best to make the place cheerful. It could be said of her that she died serving her country just as much as those dear lads who were lying in scattered graves in all parts of the world.

The covering was then removed, Major Lister reading out the inscription, which is as follows:—"To the glory of God and in memory of Susan Ivy Wilson, who died of influenza while serving as a nurse in the Infirmary, November 15th, 1918. Aged 23 years." The tablet is of brass.

Dedicatory prayers were offered by the Rev Canon WILSON, and the hymn "Abide with me" and the Blessing brought the service to a close.