

AN interesting ceremony took place last Friday at the Gravesend Hospital, when Mr. S. WOODHAMS, the House-Surgeon, presented, with a suitable address, the gift of a very handsome writing-table to the Matron, Miss WALKER, M.R.B.N.A., from the Nursing Staff.

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Mr. R. GOFTON-SALMOND, Secretary of the British Home for Incurables, has been elected to the Clerkship of the Worshipful Company of Gardeners. This ancient City Company dates back to 1414 and was incorporated in 1605.

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THE Worshipful Company of Grocers have made a grant of £25 to the funds of the Cheyne Hospital for Children, Chelsea.

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IN consequence of the frequency of accidents at the Royal Gunpowder Works at Waltham Abbey, the War Office have, it is stated, determined to erect a proper Hospital on the works, and a small staff of Nurses will be permanently engaged for emergencies. On Thursday, a man who had served 17 years in the Gunpowder Works at Waltham Abbey was suspended for entering the works with matches in his pocket.

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AN Irish correspondent writes:—

"The Board of Governors of the Houses of Industry, Dublin, have, subject to the approval of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, appointed Miss Anna McDonnell Lady Superintendent over the Richmond, Hardwick and Whitworth Hospitals, in the room of Mrs. Anne Byrne, who has resigned. Miss McDonnell was trained in Sir P. Dun's Hospital, Dublin, and has, for some time, acted as Superintendent of the Richmond Hospital; the great improvement which has taken place in the general management, and especially in the Nursing arrangements, of this Hospital, are largely due to the ability and conscientious care with which Miss McDonnell has discharged the duties of her office."

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"The Coombe Hospital.—The Governors of this Hospital met for a second time to consider the claims of candidates for the vacant post of Matron. It was much regretted that Miss Read, whose qualifications were admittedly very superior, had declined to appear a second time before the Board—she having obtained a better post in England. Of the candidates, who applied on the second occasion, Miss Hester Egan, who stated she was the daughter of a medical gentleman resident some twenty years ago in Dublin, was considered most suitable, and was accordingly elected as Matron. The position is one requiring experience, tact, and large powers of ruling. We trust ere long to see reforms instituted and improvements carried out, which are much needed if the Coombe Hospital is to take its proper place as a Training School."

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"The late Mr. Gervas Taylor, by his will, bequeathed the munificent sum of £45,000 to Irish Charities. Among the Institutions which are benefited by it are the following Hospitals:—The Meath Hospital, City of Dublin Hospital, Adelaide Hospital, Sir P. Dun's, St. Mark's Ophthalmic Hospital, and the Convalescent Home, Stillorgan."

Our Foreign Letter.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES, GENERAL HOSPITAL, TORONTO.

THE following is a brief report of the work of the Toronto General Hospital Training School for Nurses, for the year 1893.

The School has recently adopted a new and pretty uniform, and as it was found impossible to complete this change in time for the usual annual gathering, the distribution of certificates and badges took place privately. The Report reads as follows:—

Applications for admission, 413 formal and 125 personal; 39 of these were admitted, but only 22 proved satisfactory. After completing the month of probation these were accepted, and become members of the School.

The total number of Nurses now holding the certificate of this School is 181, twenty-five of these having passed their final examination, and completed a two years' course during the past year.

Lectures and classes have been conducted semi-weekly from October until July.

These lectures are given by many of our most prominent physicians and surgeons, while the classes are under the direction of Miss Snively, the Lady Superintendent. Examinations are conducted every six months, and each Nurse is obliged to take at least 50 per cent. in each subject.

It is gratifying to record that a large number of those who were trained in this School are now holding Hospital positions both in the United States and Canada. The following is a list of those who received appointments during the past year:—

Miss M. Tye,	Lady Supt.,	General Hosp.,	London, Can.
" R. Pirt,	" "	" "	Collingwood, Dak.
" E. McKenzie	" "	" "	Owen Sound, Dak.
" L. Sheppard,	" "	" "	Guelph, Dak.
" A. Boyd,	" "	" "	Monden, Mass.
" K. Underhill,	" "	Children's Hosp.,	Toronto.
" A. Haight, Assist. Supt.,	General Hosp.,	" "	" "
" A. McRea, Supervis. Night Nurse,	" "	" "	" "
" A. J. Scott, Head Nurse, Pavilion Hosp.,	" "	" "	" "
" A. Newman,	" "	Alexandria Hosp.,	Vanc., B.C.
" J. Scott, Nurse, Royal Victoria,	" "	" "	Montreal.
" A. Hugin,	" "	" "	" "
" H. Hollingworth, Supt. of Nurses,	Seeny Hosp.,	" "	Brooklyn, N.Y.
" S. Sugden, Supt. Nurses, City Hosp.,	" "	" "	Albany, N.Y.
Mrs. A. Bolton, Matron, Lumberman's Hosp.,	Brainerd,	" "	" "
Miss J. Turner, Assist. Supt.,	Eric, Pa.	" "	[Minn.]
" E. Dawson, Head Nurse, R. R. Hosp.,	Brainerd,	" "	" "
" E. Jones, Head Nurse, City Hosp.,	Cincinnati, Ohio.	" "	" "
" K. Melville, Missionary, sent by the American Board of Foreign Missions to Central Africa.	" "	" "	" "

The health of the School has been such as to call for much thankfulness—not one case of serious illness having occurred during the past year.

The library has been increased by the addition of forty-seven volumes, presented by the Ancient Order of Foresters.

The School is also indebted to the Commercial Travellers Association for their kindness in sending complimentary tickets for their concerts, and to the kind ladies who contributed the funds necessary to defray the expenses connected with the Social evening spent in the Home during Christmas week. The evening was an exceedingly pleasant one, and will long be remembered. Besides refreshments, recitations, and vocal and instrumental music, there was also a little souvenir for each Nurse, such as a work-basket, pin-tray, etc.

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