

nursing of the insane, massage, and so on. Birmingham, as you may imagine, always comes out high in the list, and special prizes are given by the Centre to those who pass in honours."

"Is there any further examination answering to the Higher Locals?"

"Certainly. All candidates for ward-sisters' posts and Matrons' posts have to pass an examination proving their ability to teach pupils, both practically and theoretically, before they are eligible to compete for these appointments, and, in the case of Matrons, they have to prove their knowledge of hospital administration. You can imagine the excitement there is when the lists come out to know who is "first in all England" in this higher exam. The future career of this fortunate person is assured."

"And how about nursing uniforms?" I enquired.

"Why, of course, only graduates on the State Register, and *bona fide* pupils of training schools are allowed to wear it. You remember uniform had fallen into such disrepute that no nurse would wear it, and Parliament was bound to do something. The Nursing Profession has passed through stormy times, being one of the first of the women's professions to organize. There was the most bitter opposition to the pioneer workers, but it has now passed triumphantly through the 'rotten egg' stage, and has an assured position, and other women are now taking heart of grace and organizing their professions on similar lines."

I heaved a sigh of relief. The struggle had been so deadly, and the fight such a hard one, and now it was all over. And then—I awoke, and alas it was still the end of the nineteenth century, and a "shop 'un" whizzed past my defenceless head.

### The Hospital Sunday Fund.

THE Lord Mayor presided on Monday afternoon at the annual general meeting of constituents of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund, held at the Mansion House. The report of the council for the year 1898 stated that the twenty-sixth year of collecting this fund had resulted, under the presidency of the late Lord Mayor, who was the treasurer, in a total of £40,397 2s. 6d. The report having been carried, it was agreed that the laws of the constitution be continued as in the past year. The council for the year 1898 were re-elected, the forthcoming vacancies being filled by the Earl of Aberdeen, Lord Lister, Sir Horatio Davies, M.P., and the Rev. Walford Green. June 11th was fixed for Hospital Sunday next year, and the cordial co-operation of all ministers of religion within the metropolitan area was again invited.

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At the recent visit of Her Royal Highness, Princess Louise, President of the Scottish branch of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, Miss Guthrie Wright, the Hon. Secretary, presented Miss Jean Cowper, assistant inspector of the Scottish branch, for the silver badge of the institute, which was bestowed upon her by the Princess. Miss Wade superintendent of the Edinburgh branch, next presented the following nurses, trained in Edinburgh, for badges:—Mary Brown, Airdrie; Annie Clarke, Stirling; Mary Coats, Tarbert; Jane Douglas, Jedburgh; Annie Dewart, Islay; Jemina Elliot, Kilchoan; Emily French, Inverness; Elsie B. Low, Dumfries; Jessie Neilson, Elgin; Jessie C. Paul, Port-Glasgow; Annie Telford, Ballantrae; Dora M. Walmsley, Kilmarnock; and Agnes B. White, Kirkcaldy. Miss Lamont, superintendent of the Glasgow Branch, also presented the following, trained in Glasgow, for badges:—Lizzie Carmichael, Susannah Collins, Bessie Haslam, Agnes Kelly, Julia Michal, and Jane Mackenzie. Miss Mackay, superintendent of the Dundee Branch, presented Annie G. Spence; and Miss M'Master, superintendent of the Aberdeen Branch, presented Jessie A. G. Clark for badges. The Princess also conferred certificates upon 21 nurses, who were presented on completing their two years' engagement to the institute.

\* \* \* PRINCESS LOUISE afterwards paid a visit to Nurse Buchanan, of Ardrishaig, who is lying dangerously ill in the home at Edinburgh. The nurse, it appears, is suffering from the effects of an accident which befel her not long ago when she was saved from drowning at Ardrishaig by her landlady's daughter, Miss Mary Weir, who has since received a testimonial from the Royal Humane Society.

\* \* \* WE learn that the Sisters of the Community of All Saints, who have nursed University College Hospital with such devotion for so many years, have been requested to carry on their work for another year. This they have decided not to do, as it has been decided ultimately, when the new hospital is opened, to organize a training school for nurses under the authority of the committee of the hospital. In this decision, we consider the

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