

before him. Bailie Pollard followed with a few words, in which he acknowledged the warmth of the interest which his colleagues of the Town Council took in these annual gatherings. The entertainment was then proceeded with. In addition to the dancing, which was engaged in, in both halls, to the music of Mr. Daubmann's orchestra, vocal and instrumental solos were given in the Music Hall and cinematograph exhibitions were held in the course of the evening. Amongst those who contributed to the musical programme were—Miss Jeane Nibloe, Mr. Andrew Brown, The Harmonists, Miss Maggie Young, Mr. Robert Buchan, and Mr. A. Douglas Young. The entertainment was kept up until nearly midnight.

### Death of a French Heroine.

THERE has just died at Neuilly a lady who, by her untiring devotion to the sick and wounded, may fitly be termed the Nightingale of the Franco-Prussian War. Madame Coralie Cahen was in her sixty-seventh year. Having lost her husband and her only child just before hostilities broke out, she resolved to devote her life to the cause of humanity. She organized an ambulance at Metz, and remained at her post till the capitulation. Tours was the next scene of her labours, and Gambetta entrusted to her the hospital at Vendome. Peace came, and she hurried to Lorraine to look after the hordes of returning prisoners. Finding that many were still missing, she passed into Germany, and under the protection of the Empress Augusta visited sixty-six fortresses, where she procured the release of many captives detained for various offences. Her work was not then done, for she besieged the War Office in Berlin till she had traced 59,000 dead or living Frenchmen, of whom the authorities in Paris had no knowledge. Her remaining years were spent in charge of the Jewish Orphanage at Neuilly, and not until 1889 did she receive the cross of the Legion of Honour. Work such as this should not be allowed to pass without some fitting memorial.

How many heroines in embryo are there in the ranks of trained nurses? The Crimean War discovered Florence Nightingale, the Franco-Prussian War Madame Coralie Cahen. It would seem as if, given the opportunity, a woman was always found to rise to it. But great opportunities are the lot of few, and those who respond to them, when they arrive, are usually those who have faithfully fulfilled the "trivial round the common task." This is the school in which those who shine conspicuously, as having accomplished great achievements, are educated.

### Nursing Echoes.

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OUR foreign letter this week will be read with interest by all who have grasped the true spirit of nursing. Miss Lina Mollett herself depicts the goal of the ideal nurse so vividly that there is no need to enlarge upon it. Perhaps some of our readers will be inspired by her words, and her description of the country

where the district nurse is unknown, but where, nevertheless, there is ample work for her, to cast off the trammels of civilization, the sordid influences of this money-grubbing country, and escape to Chili to devote themselves to those who need their services. To any such, we hope soon to give further information on the prospects for nurses in this far away country, as we intend to communicate with Miss Mollett on the subject.

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WHY is it that nurses who are devoted to their patients, pleasant to those with whom their duty brings them in contact, and really "good-hearted" are so often disagreeable to one another? A Superintendent of Nurses of much experience said recently: "Nurses are cruel to one another. When they nurse together they disparage each other, and not only nurses from different schools, but even from the same, talk against one another to their patient until they set him against the person so abused."

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WE hope this is not a common occurrence, but there is no doubt that even if nurses do not go so far as to depreciate to a patient a nurse who has charge of him, and by destroying the patient's confidence actually retard his recovery, yet there is no doubt that nurses are frequently unjust to one another. It seems to be a failing of nurses to consider that to belittle a colleague is to glorify themselves, the shortcomings of the former serving as a background to throw the virtues of the latter into strong relief. But such action does not have the effect of impressing those whose good opinion is most worth having, who recognize the vanity, only thinly veiled, in these methods of attack. It is surely unworthy of the members of so noble a profession as that of nursing that this fault should be laid at their

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