

remarked, "and with so much unanimity of purpose and two high-toned organs in the press, the NURSING RECORD on this side and the "American Journal" on the other, it is now only a question of time, when the mass of trained nurses will come together in a live and loving fellowship which will carry all before it."

Miss Mollett was home a fortnight ago, and on Sunday Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Isla Stewart, Miss Cartwright, and Miss Waind came ashore from the "Umbria," all full of life and spirits, in spite of the torture of fog-horns and other horrors, inseparable from association with an ocean steamer in bad weather.

The National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland will hold its meeting in London, on Tuesday, October 29th, at which the Matrons' Council will be represented by Miss F. L. Hay Forbes, the late Matron of the Tunbridge Wells Hospital. Mrs. Fenwick will again represent the Registered Nurses' Society.

The resignation of Miss Falconer, the Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Stirling, has been received with the greatest regret. The following remarks of the "Stirling Journal and Advertiser" will show how much her valuable services of over a quarter of a century in duration have been appreciated by those who have watched her work.

"The public, and especially those members of it who have come personally in contact with her, will hear with feelings of regret of the resignation of Miss Falconer, Matron of the Stirling Royal Infirmary, a post she has held since the opening of that institution, twenty-seven and a half years ago. When she first assumed office the directors under whom she worked were almost entirely ignorant of Infirmary administration, and it was naturally left to her to organise the internal arrangements of the new Infirmary and establish it on a proper working basis. This difficult duty she fulfilled with conspicuous success. The domestic department was administered with marvellous economy combined with the highest efficiency, while under her capable and experienced oversight the work of the nursing staff in the wards was equally thorough and successful. When a hospital is opened in a new district one of the chief barriers to success lies in the strong prejudice against it of the very classes it is intended to benefit. From the very first Miss Falconer set herself to break down this prejudice and show its groundlessness with the result that to-day there is not a working-class family in the town or surrounding country districts that is not but too glad to entrust their nearest and dearest to Stirling Royal Infirmary. Miss Falconer has during her whole term of office been animated by one desire and one thought, how best to secure the prosperity and advance the usefulness of the Institution under her charge. This is amply proved

by the fact that when the new wing was added Miss Falconer personally collected the money necessary for the furnishings, raising over £370 in one month. It was also due to her suggestion that endowed beds were initiated, a mode of adding to the reserve capital which cannot be too highly commended."

The nurses of the various hospitals in Liverpool were entertained last week by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, at the Town Hall, and spent a most enjoyable evening. Invitations were sent to the nurses at the Royal Infirmary, David Lewis Northern Hospital, Royal Southern, Stanley, and Hahnemann Hospitals, Brownlow Hill, Toxteth Park, and West Derby Workhouse Hospitals, the Infirmary for Children, Hospital for Women, Ladies' Lying-in Hospital, Queen Victoria District Nursing Institution, the Nurses' Homes at Oxford Street, Erskine Street, and Catherine Street, besides many of the other public institutions.

Sixty-three inhabitants of Oakley, Bedfordshire, recently met at a parish tea, given by Mr. Prothero for the purpose of presenting a purse of money to Mrs. Frank Billington, formerly Nurse Handscomb, district nurse of the parish. Mrs. Horrell, who had undertaken the collection of the fund, presided, and out of the sixty-nine subscribers, only six were absent. After tea Mr. Prothero said how glad he was to assist in gathering together so many people for a purpose in which all could sympathise. Oakley might not be united in religious views, but everybody liked to be well-nursed when ill. He had once been nursed by a friend of his when in Spain in a way that he would never forget and never wanted to be nursed again. His well-meaning but unskilled friend battered his pillow, tucked him so tightly that he couldn't move, and finally forced some very nasty tea down his throat. His experience had shown him that men might do many things well, but that a woman was wanted for nursing. He then handed the purse to Mrs. Billington, who appropriately expressed her thanks. Mr. Prothero then welcomed the new nurse, Nurse Hall, to the parish, after which the gathering broke up.

At the weekly meeting of the Newton Abbot Guardians, the Visiting Committee reported that the master had received complaints from the night nurses that they were unable to obtain their proper amount of sleep owing to the crying of the children in the maternity wards over which their rooms are situated. The Master said he thought this largely accounted for the constant changes of nurses, and suggested the advisability of building a Nurses' Home away from the infirmary.

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