

staff to view the procession, the nurses being accommodated in a stand over the main entrance. Both the King and Queen as they passed the stand of nurses specially acknowledged the cheers with which they were greeted. At Chalmers Hospital also the nurses mustered in force.

Another picturesque episode during the Royal visit to Edinburgh was the reception of an illuminated address at the Royal High School. The Royal carriages on their departure from Holyrood stopped at the great west gate of the School, when Dr. Marshall, Rector of the School, accompanied by Miss Flora C. Stevenson, Chairman of the Governors, presented the address, which was signed by Miss Stevenson, as chairman, and others. Miss Stevenson was attired in a black broché dress with old Italian lace, and ornaments of gold, and over all wore her academic robes, as did also Dr. Marshall.

As the carriage moved on, Miss Stevenson curtsied to Her Majesty, who turned round and cordially bowed her acknowledgment. An impromptu meeting of the Governors, Rector, masters, and scholars was subsequently held in the Great Hall, at which Miss Stevenson presided. The Rector, Dr. Marshall, read the Royal reply to the School address, and the meeting concluded with three cheers for Miss Stevenson, which were given with the utmost enthusiasm, and with a verse of the National Anthem.

Miss Florence Nightingale celebrated her eighty-third birthday last Friday.

The s.s. *Plassy*, which left Cape Town on May 2nd, had on board Nursing Sister Gunning. She was due at Southampton on Thursday.

The Marylebone Daily Visiting Nursing Association (of which H.R.H. the Duchess of Fife is President), which held its first annual meeting on Wednesday, has the excellent object of providing a visiting nurse to attend paying patients, in the district of Marylebone, by the hour. It is unquestionable that the services of such a nurse are of great value, and probably the only reason why nurses have not taken up this kind of work more extensively is that without a backing, such as is afforded by a society, it is somewhat precarious as a means of livelihood. The Marylebone district, where there are so many flats and small houses, seems exceptionally well fitted for the experiment, for the visiting nurse in this country has scarcely yet passed the experimental stage, and we wish it all success.

The meeting was held at 2, Upper Berkeley Street, W., by kind permission of the Countess Dowager of Desart, who presided. The speakers were Mrs. Garrett Anderson, M.D., Miss Alice

Zimmern, and Miss Mary Paget. A satisfactory record of work was shown for the first year, and it is hoped that as the Society becomes better known it will be entirely self-supporting.

There were two interesting items at the annual meeting of the Asylum Workers' Association last week. One was that the brass tablet which the Association hopes to place shortly in the vestibule of the Colney Hatch Asylum was on view. This tablet is inscribed as follows:—

IN APPRECIATIVE COMMEMORATION
OF THE HEROIC CONDUCT
AND
SELF-SACRIFICING DEVOTION
TO DUTY
DISPLAYED BY MEMBERS
OF THE
STAFF OF COLNEY HATCH ASYLUM
IN RESCUING FROM THE FLAMES
269 LIVES
OF PATIENTS IN PERIL BY FIRE
ON
JAN. 27, 1903,
THE TABLET IS PLACED
BY THE
ASYLUM WORKERS' ASSOCIATION.

Everyone must rejoice that the gallant conduct of the staff of the asylum has received this recognition.

The other point of interest was the presentation of gold and silver medals for long service. The gold medals were awarded to Attendant C. H. Marshall, with a record of forty-eight years' service, of the Eastern Counties Asylum for Idiots, at Colchester, and Head Nurse Mary Ann Buckle, who has worked for forty-three years in the East Sussex Asylum, Haywards Heath.

The silver medals were awarded to Mr. Lynch, of the Cork District Asylum, with a record of thirty-three years, and to Nurse Mary Ann Elizabeth Jackson, for thirty-two years connected with the Bethlem Royal Hospital for Lunatics, during the whole of which time she has never been a day off duty from ill-health. Miss Buckle and Miss Jackson, who were present in person to receive the medals, were accorded the ovation which their length of service well merited.

A point in relation to the meeting which struck an outsider as strange was that of the 5,000 members of the Association very few were even present, while the speeches were entirely made by

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