

three times a year. We look forward with pleasure to the issue of the first number next month. We hear that Miss Peter, the General Superintendent of the Jubilee Institute, is taking great interest in this new venture. Having as its *clientèle* so large a number of nurses, many of them working in outlying districts, it should have an assured success. Not only will the Queen's nurses be able to furnish many interesting details, but they will, we imagine, welcome a publication which will keep them in touch with former colleagues.

It has been determined to establish a School of Massage at the National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, which has admirable facilities for giving instruction in this important branch. It is hoped that the school will be a source of benefit to the public as well as of revenue to the charity.

We are glad to observe that at the Annual Meeting of the Leicester Institution of Trained Nurses, the Chairman of the Committee was able to state, in spite of the general slackness of the past year, the work had been most successful, and the nurses well employed. The private nursing branch was not carried on for profit, but for supplying the invalid public of Leicester and district with trained nurses, so that they should not be dependent on women who had had no hospital training whatever. They were proud that on their staff they had some of the most efficient nurses in the kingdom, and the public could rely on the nurses' work being in every way satisfactory. A few years ago he referred at one of their meetings to the desirability of having State Registration of Nurses. The time had come when there should be some legalised standard for trained nurses, and he was glad to see that a Bill was to be introduced into Parliament to deal with this. At the last census there were 64,000 women nurses in England and Wales, and that fact alone showed the importance of registering them. He hoped that the Bill would be passed, for similar measures were working very well in America. Until they had something of the sort an institution like theirs was necessary for the safeguard of the public.

At the conclusion of a set of lectures for women on the subjects of home nursing and first aid, in connection with the classes at the Technical College, Wigan, the lecturer, Dr. Blair, was presented by Miss Rose Coles, on behalf of the "Wigan Technical College Ladies' Ambulance Class, 1904," with a beautiful silver cigarette case. Master Selkirk, who had been a most unwearying model, was also presented with a handsome penknife.

The Committee of the Royal West of England Sanatorium, at Weston-super-Mare, which stands in large and well-kept grounds facing the Atlantic, and

sheltered by the Mendip Hills, in their annual report again allude to the very efficient way in which the management of the Sanatorium has been conducted by the Hon. Lady Superintendent, Miss Edith Mawe, and express their gratitude for her unvarying kindness and attention. They also express their entire satisfaction with the very valuable services of the excellent nurses in the institution.

An interesting leaflet on Convalescent Homes has been written by Miss Mawe, which gives an insight into the excellent work done by the institution, and into the benefits which such Homes confer on the convalescent poor.

The Glasgow Training Home for Nurses, which was founded in 1874 by Miss M'Alpine, has since this time nursed 13,426 cases in private families, and 7,241 in the Home. A special appeal is now being made for the sum of £5,000 still required for the erection of a new Home; from £9,000 to £10,000 has already been received for this purpose.

We are glad to note that at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, the chair was appropriately taken by Mrs. Pirrie, to whose enthusiasm and unwearying devotion the city is chiefly indebted for the successful completion of the great work which was commenced seven years ago. The old institution in Frederick Street had become quite inadequate, and the necessity of a larger one, built and equipped according to modern requirements, was universally admitted. But the task of providing it was a formidable one, and without Mrs. Pirrie it would probably have proved impossible. When it was decided at a public meeting, presided over by her husband, who was then Lord Mayor, to erect the new hospital, she entered into the project with great heartiness and energy. She inspired others with something of her own courage and hopefulness, and the result was seen when the splendid new hospital was opened by the King on July 27th last year. The patients were transferred on September 17th, and since then it has been doing good work, though not to its fullest capacity.

Speaking from the chair, Mrs. Pirrie alluded to the completion of the new building as a great work. It is, as she said, "a standing monument to the generosity, the self-sacrifice, the devotion, and humanity of the present generation, to all who had so nobly responded to the call of charity and duty." She also spoke of the continued need of generosity and self-sacrifice; of the opportunity for endowing wards and beds, and of the encouraging increase which had taken place in the subscriptions of working men.

At an At Home for Nurses recently given at the Hewitt Memorial Hall, Donegal Square, Belfast, Dr. Cecil Lankaster, of the C.M.S. Medical

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