

amongst those taken out by Miss Nightingale to the Crimea, and from that day to this the reputation of the House has been maintained.

The Chelsea Infirmary Nurses' League held its Annual Meeting at the Infirmary, Chelsea, on Wednesday last, when a very pleasant re-union took place. Many of the members stayed on for the Harvest Festival, which took place later in the Chapel, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

The *British Medical Journal* thinks the War Office now understands that the country is in thorough sympathy with Her Majesty's desire to see the new Home of her Imperial Military Nursing Service made a model of what such Homes should be, and will not be satisfied with any makeshift. It considers that the War Office ought to call to its assistance the services of an architect of eminence, experienced in the designing of hospitals and their appurtenances, and he should be given a free hand to bring the plans into harmony with modern requirements. The matter is of the more importance as the plans of Army Nursing Homes the War Office may erect in future in connection with other military hospitals will doubtless be largely influenced by the precedent now established.

We notice in the report of the Lincolnshire Nursing Association it is stated that "owing to the passing of the Midwives' Registration Act, 1902, there is an increased demand for qualified nurses throughout the country, untrained useful women being in many instances disqualified. As time goes on, the older midwives will gradually be compelled to resign, and their places must either be filled by the county nurses, controlled by the local committee and doctors, and under agreement to the Lincolnshire Nursing Association, or an outside midwife under no restrictions, except that of the local supervising authority. The county nurse, subject to the wish of her committee and the concurrence of the local doctor, would take only those cases (probably three or four in a year) who could not afford a full doctor's fee, but would be able to pay something towards the support of the local association, really necessitous cases being attended by the parish doctor. She would also act as monthly nurse for the doctors."

We have always suggested that the midwifery needs of the rural poor could be provided through a central nursing organisation—Q.V.J.I.N. for choice. It is, as we surmised, the obstetric nurse, as opposed to the midwifery practitioner, who will always be utilised by the qualified medical practitioner—the former is his professional subordinate, the latter his competitor.

At a recent meeting of Lerwick Town Council in far away Shetland a communication was read

from the trustees of the late Mr. Samuel Mully, of Edinburgh, intimating that Mr. Mully had bequeathed to the Provost and Magistrates of Lerwick the sum of £1,000, the interest of the same to be applied to the maintaining of a properly-qualified nurse to reside in Lerwick and attend to poor people at their own homes, preference being given to old families belonging to the town. Mr. Mully was a native of Lerwick, but spent most of his life in Edinburgh.

Governors, ex-Governors, and friends of the County Infirmary, Limerick, assembled there recently to give practical expression to the esteem in which they hold its energetic and capable Matron, Miss Janet F. Mayne. Upon Mr. Patrick Vaughan, J.P., Chairman of the County Council, devolved the pleasant duty of handing to Miss Mayne a handsome purse, heavy with the golden sovereigns it contained, and in doing so said that this mark of their friendship and esteem was only a slight token of the appreciation, by all classes of the people of Limerick city and county, of the ability which Miss Mayne had shown in bringing the County Infirmary into the first rank of useful public institutions, and of thankfulness to her for her good work for the patients entrusted to her charge during the last eleven years. Work such as hers could not be repaid by money, for such work was only possible where love of duty was paramount. Such zealous, loving work could only be repaid by affection and respect from those who had observed its good fruits. The purse of sovereigns was only an outward and visible sign of the love and esteem of those who had subscribed them. Miss Mayne briefly expressed her thanks through Mr. Vaughan, and the gentlemen who accompanied him, to rich and poor alike. She assured them that such an expression of approval was more to her than any words could express. She hoped to show her gratitude by an unflagging performance of the duties entrusted to her, and by a loving care of individual patients.

A meeting of the Irish Matrons' Association was held last week at 86, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin, when final arrangements were made for the examination of the "Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses," to be held in Dublin in February, 1906. Classes are now being formed at many of the hospitals and by private teachers to prepare pupils for this examination. Intending candidates should apply for particulars to the Hon. Secretary of the Irish Matrons' Association, 86, Lower Leeson Street.

Miss Milner, pleading for the sum of £65 which will enable a nurse to start work at Oberammergau, says:—"On my return here for the last performance of *The School of the Cross* I was asked eagerly if I should be able to hand over the required sum, £500, in person. It is a great disappointment

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