

Miss Dudley, the much valued Superintendent of the Gloucester District Nursing Society, affiliated to the Queen's Jubilee Institute, is retiring from her post. After seven years of unremitting and arduous duty, she feels the need of a rest, and will take a long holiday before beginning any new nursing occupation. She has done a great work, and under her management the Home has earned well deserved distinction. The Committee have appointed in her place Miss Mary Parkin, the present Superintendent of the District Nursing Association at Chatham.

Queen's nurses must not get *tête montée*, they come in for so many compliments nowadays. Dr. Newsholme, of Brighton, said many pretty things about them at Brighton at the ninth annual meeting of the District Nursing Association—and from Reading, Sheffield, and other big cities the same opinion of their ever-increasing usefulness is reported.

Seven years' ago a number of ladies, on the initiative of Miss Marianne Wilkin, decided to show their practical interest in the work of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Bournemouth, by the formation of a Ladies' Work Association to supply the necessary linen for the hospital. Started in a small way, the Association has gradually increased in membership and extended its sphere of usefulness by the addition of a Juvenile Branch. This valuable adjunct to the hospital work represents a great saving in the expenses of management, and the following record, kindly supplied by Miss Wilkin, shows what the ladies have been able to accomplish as the result of a year's work—namely, 204 sheets and draw sheets, 176 bolsters and pillow-cases, 344 towels, 130 tray and tablecloths, 293 house cloths, 150 garments (flannel jackets, children's and night clothes, &c.)—1,397. The approximate value of the linen, &c., made this year is £102. The total value, including blankets, &c., bought with the subscriptions, donations, and entrance fees, is about £132.

The officials of the Lydney Rural District Council are dealing with an epidemic of diphtheria. At present the fever hospital at Alvington has its full complement of fifteen patients, and we regret to learn that the two fever nurses and the housekeeper have been stricken with the disease.

Miss Scott, Lady Superintendent of the Maternity Hospital at Aberdeen, has resigned her appointment, to the great regret of the

Committee, and on the motion of Colonel Allardyce the best thanks of the Committee have been awarded to Miss Scott for the admirable manner in which she carried out all the details of the work of the institution.

The North Dublin Union is considering a scheme for the improvement of nursing the sick in the Roman Catholic and Protestant hospitals under its care, and from Dr. Powell's statements it appears high time. Dr. Powell writes:—

In the Female Hospital—excluding sick children and paralysed cases for which special arrangements have been made, there are 162 patients in charge of three nuns during the day, an average of 54 each. In the male hospital there are 258 patients in charge of four nuns, an average of just 65 each. For night duty in the Female Hospital there is one nurse in charge of 162 adult cases and also the sick children over two years numbering about 30, altogether nearly 200 sick people. And in the Male Hospital there are two nuns for 258 cases. Between the two hospitals there are 420 patients with seven nuns for day work, and 450 patients and two nuns and one nurse for night.

Any person experienced in the administration of Union Infirmaries allows one nurse for every 10 persons for day duty, and one for at least every 25 for night. Taking such numbers as a basis, there should be 42 nurses in the North Union Catholic Hospitals for day duty and 18 for night.

The Protestant Hospital is better provided for in the nursing arrangements, as there we have between 90 and 100 patients with five trained nurses for day and one for night work.

The Countess of Dudley's fund for providing nurses for the sick poor in the congested and poverty-stricken districts in Ireland has made great progress during this year; twelve nurses have been permanently established, and three more appointments are being considered—a marvellous result, considering the limited amount of funds at the disposal of the Committee.

The current issue of the *World's Work and Play* contains a most interesting article on "Japanese Surgery in the War," by Dr. C. W. Saleeby. The illustrations give an excellent idea of the work done in the hospitals, and the important part played by the nurses, who are evidently as up-to-date and efficient as their British and American Sisters. By the kind permission of the Editor we are able to reproduce the accompanying picture, from which it

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