

ing the Sick Poor of Holywood, the Dowager Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava touched upon its educational value and upon those features which tended specially to commend it to all who had a sympathetic interest in the condition of the suffering poor. She emphasised the importance of the lessons in hygiene and in domestic economy which resulted from the visit of the society's nurses, whose ministrations taught the value of sanitary arrangements and of open windows, the skilled preparation of food, the use of simple appliances in the alleviation of suffering, the comfort of the newly-made bed, and the refreshment of the daily wash. Who that had watched by the sick did not know the anxious anticipation of the doctor's visit and the encouragement of his presence, and did not remember how, when he had gone, the patient turned to the trained nurse for that moral support which her skill and sympathetic ministrations afforded? If that was the case in the homes of the rich, who could command so many of the conditions of well-being and comfort, how much more valuable must be the services of the society's nurses in the homes of the poor, where the conditions were such that hardship and sorrow added to the unavoidable sufferings of those who were sick? The Society was reported to be doing an ever increasing amount of good work.

The Garden Party at Guy's.

The Governors and Medical Staff of Guy's Hospital issued a large number of invitations for their Annual Garden Party on Wednesday, July 4. Many hundreds of guests attended, and the scene was very gay and picturesque. The red and purple gowns of professors and lecturers giving a vivid touch of colour, and enhancing the effect of the dainty summer toilettes of the ladies present. Excellent music was rendered by the band of His Majesty's 1st Life Guards, and refreshments were served in the colonnade, quadrangles, and on the terrace. The order of proceedings included the distribution of prizes to the successful Medallists and Prizemen of the year by Sir W. Cameron Gull, who also gave an address to the Students and guests assembled in the new School Buildings. The hospital wards, the residential college, the Wills Library, Gordon Museum and School Buildings, also the Henriette Raphael Nurses' Home were all open for inspection. Visitors were keen to take advantage of such an opportunity, and general admiration was expressed. The Nurses' Home is, indeed, a beauty and joy, not the least perfect thing about it being the beautiful swimming bath

attached. Such a bath must be a great boon to the nursing staff. Another point of interest was the chapel containing the tomb of Thomas Guy surmounted by a stately memorial depicting the founder. In 1724 he built the two squares which formed the original hospital, and which still exist; he framed wise rules for its government, and provided for its maintenance. In the additions and perfect equipments of to-day Thomas Guy's noble aspirations have a fine fulfilment. E. S.

Encouragement to Midwives.

Twelve midwives were entitled to receive the Badge of Good Service given by the Association for Promoting the Training and Supply of Midwives, and at a very pleasant entertainment given by Mrs. Wallace Bruce on the afternoon of July 4th at her house in Airlie Gardens, Lady Balfour of Burleigh attended to present the badges to the fortunate recipients. The motto chosen is the four words "Mercy, Pity, Truth, and Love," and the badge consists of these words engraved on a silver brooch.

The following twelve midwives were entitled to badges: Annie Graham, Hampshire; Mary Ann Ward, Yorkshire; Gertrude Wadsworth, Bethnal Green; Emma Wells, Windsor; Elizabeth Canton, Lincolnshire; Philome Famaey, Pembroke Docks; Frima Frimkin, St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester; Florence Elizabeth Gallop, Yatton, Bristol; Annie Gibson, Berkshire; Emma Hilliard, Lincolnshire; Laura Ridsdale, Yorkshire; and Theodora Parsons, Wisborough Green.

The Association claims that it is doing a national work, its aim being to supply thoroughly-trained midwives all over England.

The Passing Bell.

The sad death of Miss Ransford, matron of the Buchanan Hospital, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, in a serious motor-car accident, on Thursday, June 28th, has shocked a very large circle of friends. Miss Ransford had been for 14 years the matron of the Buchanan Hospital, and was most highly respected in the town, as well as being greatly beloved by her fellow-workers, and the patients who came under her care. The event was made the more sad from the fact that the deceased was looking eagerly forward to the re-opening of the hospital, after having been closed for the purpose of making certain very necessary improvements, in which she took the keenest interest. She will be very greatly missed by the authorities and friends of the hospital.

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