

self-government have made the Leagues the power and pleasure they are to us, and we know better than to be disturbed by the malice of the lay nursing press.

The value of the open-air treatment is plainly evidenced in those hospitals where it can be carried out. The York County Hospital has reported a specially noticeable improvement in surgical cases where the patients have slept on balconies. At St. Thomas's Hospital, London, the balconies attached to the wards facing the river are also utilised, but most of the London hospitals are in too noisy and crowded situations to admit of the adoption of this treatment, though at the Alexandra Hospital, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, and at some of the infirmaries, it is carried out. The benefit to both patients and nurses can hardly be exaggerated.

Miss McColl Anderson, the new Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has gone into residence there, and the institution opened by the King in July will now be utilised for the reception of patients for the first time.

Mdlle. Lafargue, one of the pupils of the Tondu Nursing School, France, has been appointed sub-directrice at Lorient, where she will have special charge of the military wards. The pupils of this school are making their value felt, for two holding its certificate have been appointed Sisters at the Rheims hospital and another has entered the Association of Martha and Mary at Paris.

At the final examination of probationers held at the Protestant Hospital, Bordeaux, in accordance with the programme of the Council of the Assistance Publique, Dr. Lande, hon. hospital physician, Dr. Vénot, a surgeon, and Dr. Monod and Dr. Andérodias, heads of the gynaecological and obstetric services of the hospital acted as examiners. The practical examinations were held in the wards—two medical and one surgical ward and the operating theatre being utilised for this purpose. The results of the examination were quite as brilliant as those of the first, and all the candidates passed. Dr. Lande, who acted as the mouth-piece of the members of the jury, in announcing this result warmly congratulated the successful candidates and wished them in the career now opening before them all the honour of their scholastic success to which they were entitled by their application and devotion.

The *Canadian Nurse* has been placed upon the list of nursing journals to publish official information concerning Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, an honour not enjoyed by any other nursing journal outside the British Isles.

In the Examination held at the Somerset Hospital, Cape Town, for first, second, and third year probationers, all the candidates passed, the prize winners of each class being as follows: Third Year—Nurse Lizamore, silver medal (The Arden Prize), Nurse Stegman, Second Prize, given by Dr. Johnston; Second Year—Nurse King, First Prize given by Mr. Beard, Nurse Ingram, Second Prize, given by Dr. Hugh Smith; First Year—Nurse Warren, Prize given by Dr. Bosenbury.

The address which we publish on page 225, given to the nurses of the Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, by Dr. Hurd, Superintendent of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, is one which should be read by every nurse, as well as by all responsible for the training of nurses. Dr. Hurd has been Superintendent of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, for many years, and during a visit to the States we had the pleasure of meeting him, and know how liberal minded and progressive his views are on the subject of nursing education.

We are indebted for this address to Miss Elizabeth M. Ellis, Principal of the Lakeside School for Nurses. Miss Ellis says in her introduction: "Although much attention has been given to our course of instruction we feel that it may still need further improvements as we find in sending our graduates to practice their profession, that they meet at the hands of the public the criticism which may be mentioned as extravagance in the use of linen and all household supplies, and irresponsibility and thoughtlessness in regard to adapting themselves to the household of the patient. This criticism has been realised by the teachers of nurses for some time, and to prepare nurses for what is demanded of them in this respect, special attention is now given to instruct the pupil nurses along economical and household lines. To develop the ability to adapt themselves to the household of the patients is a more difficult matter for which, as yet, no acceptable method has been suggested." The problem is one with which those responsible for sending out private nurses in this country are also confronted.

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