

voyage is most comfortless for a sick person, but many persons would benefit by sea breezes, combined with medical and nursing care.

On Thursday last week, Lady Alice Ashley, the wife of the Rt. Hon. Evelyn Ashley, Chairman of the Court of Governors, laid the foundation stone of the new Nurses' Block at the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester, in the presence of a large number of subscribers and friends of the hospital. The new wing is supplemental to the existing Nurses' Quarters. On the ground floor there is to be a spacious sitting room, box room, cloak room, locker room, linen room, and bicycle room. The first floor will be especially for the use of nurses on the private staff, and the second floor will be mainly reserved for night nurses.

In July there is to be a Garden Fête and Bazaar at Wolvesey Palace to help to raise funds for the building of the new Block, when Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein will open the Bazaar, and preside at one of the stalls.

It is always a pleasure to receive the Journals of the various Nurses' Leagues. They are generally full of interesting items, well edited and produced, and contain internal evidence proving that many nurses can not only write, but write well.

The Journal of the General Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League is just to hand, in which one of the members, who is working at the International Hospital, Naples, writes:—

"The Hospital is beautifully situated, very high up, with a fine view over the Bay of Naples, looking over to Capri and Mount Vesuvius. In the hottest weather there is always a breeze. We have a fine garden arranged in terraces, with oranges and lemon trees, and huge palms, and many other plants I have only seen growing in a hot-house before. The Hospital consists of four floors, the lowest one opening on to a garden terrace, bright with flowers. There are four Sisters, one German, one Swede, one Irish, one English (myself). Each has charge of a floor, and every floor had a wide corridor with eight windows opening on to the 'Via Tasso,' which is furnished with tables and lounge chairs of every description; also a fine library of books in every language. Our patients are all private patients of every nationality."

The Mayor of Norwich presided at the recent Annual Meeting of the Norwich District Nurses' Association, when he said that he knew from his own experience what a comfort and satisfaction it was to have a trained nurse

come into one's house in the time of severe sickness, and could fully realise what a heavy burden of responsibility was removed, and with what delight their poorer brethren must receive the nurse's visits.

Miss Hanning, of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute, gave a short address, in which she highly commended the work of the Association to the citizens, and expressed the hope that some central home would soon be established.

At the International Congress on Psychiatry, Neurology, Psychology, and Nursing of the Insane, to be held in Amsterdam from September 2nd to the 7th, Dr. W. P. Ruysch will preside at the last-mentioned session. The Loan Exhibits will include present day objects, relative to the nursing of lunatics and neurotics. Those who visited the Nursing Exhibition in London last October will remember the great interest aroused by the old time atrocities on view there, formerly in use at Bethlem Royal Hospital, London, in the control of Lunatics.

The current issue of the *Canadian Nurse* contains many interesting articles. Miss Charlotte A. Aikens, whose articles are always practical and useful, writes on "Hospital Ethics and Discipline." She holds that the simple practice of the homely virtue of honesty will compel a nurse to own up when the breakage of an article occurs, it will keep her from sneaking an egg out of the ward refrigerator over to her own room to use in shampooing her hair, to own up when she fell asleep on night duty, or when she kept her light burning after hours, or came in late. The agreement on the nurse's part to keep the rules, made when she was accepted, is very often quickly forgotten. The practice of simple honesty applied to everyday conduct will be far reaching.

In connection with the opening of the new Harlem and Fordham Hospitals in New York, it is interesting to notice that a special appropriation is contemplated for the employment and maintenance of a complete staff of graduate nurses, 34 being required in each hospital. So far the tendency has been for the nurses in American hospitals to leave upon their graduation, and the gain must be great if a fully qualified nurse is retained in each ward, both as regards the care of the patients and also from the point of view of organisation.

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses, which took place in

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