

which her Ladyship said she did with the greater cordiality because she had herself of necessity so beneficially enjoyed the services of a trained nurse during the past summer. At the close of the meeting a large and representative executive was appointed, with the Right Hon. Lady Leith of Fyvie as President; the Hon. Mrs. Burn and Mrs. Crawford-Leslie of Rothie as Vice-Presidents; and Mrs. Cruickshank, Peterwell, as Secretary.

It is reported that a trained nurses' institute has been founded at Biarritz, to be called King Edward Nursing Home. The nurses are to be British, and must have passed the examination of a London hospital. The inauguration is to take place on the next visit of the King to Biarritz. The standard of examination even in "a London hospital" is a very unknown quantity. Here is just where a central standard would be of much use.

Miss Edla Wortabet quite anticipates being in London to attend the International Congress next July. She writes: "Put me down for Syria, and I will make it as interesting as I can. . . . Just a line to congratulate you, how splendidly Registration is getting on in England."

At the Third International Congress for the Care of the Insane, held at Vienna last month, Dr. Scholz, of Obrawalde, Prussia, read a paper on the important question of the instruction of the attendants and caretakers of the insane. In his experience these people were drawn from the lowest social strata, and were employed without having had any previous instruction. With no intention of blaming servants who did their best, Dr. Scholz said that he found them deficient in tact and knowledge, and strongly urged that schools of instruction should be formed, and appointments made only from those who had been submitted to examination and found proficient. The paper roused an animated discussion, being specially criticised by Dr. Alt, of Uchtspringe, but the majority of those present evidently agreed with Dr. Scholz.

Dr. Arthur Lankester, of the C.M.S. Medical Mission, Peshawar, sends home an interesting account of the new mission hospital opened at Peshawar two years ago.

After detailing some of the successful results attained in the treatment of cases, he continues:—Another of the excellencies of this frontier hospital is that it possesses in the Hon. Florence Macnaghten an experienced

and accomplished lady, who, as she herself says, is Matron, Sister, nurse, and probationer all in one. "Most of our patients," writes Miss Macnaghten, "are Pathans coming from across the border. They have very different views from ours as to the desirability of bathing and of wearing clean clothes. Bathing is therefore often accomplished with difficulty, and has to be done with caution, as some of the Pathans fancy that a bath, with change of clothes, means a change of religion, so one has to be careful of the prejudices and feelings of these very bigoted Mohammedan women." These hospital clothes are all sent out from home, made according to a pattern of Pathan clothes, and, of course, it is a comfort to the Matron to have well-stocked cupboards from which to clothe the patients.

Miss Macnaghten again says:—"Though the women and children are my special charge, I have also to see to the general care and comfort of the men, who are wonderfully grateful for any kindness. I am amused sometimes at the way they expect me to see to all their wants, and sometimes to help the dressers at the dressing of the wounds. One man of about 45, who was in with a very bad bullet wound of elbow, always expected me to help at his dressing, and was very much hurt one day when I was absent. I explained to him my work was specially among the women and children, and he said he understood that, but that I was 'like a mother' to him, and that when I was present and helped he had 'no pain.'"

The American Navy Nurse Corps is now in process of organisation, and the appointment of Miss Esther Voorhees Hasson as head meets with the warm approval of her colleagues. Miss Hasson graduated ten years ago from the New Haven School for Nurses, and since that time has divided her time about equally between institution work and private duty. She was one of the first army nurses, serving on the hospital ship *Relief* during the Spanish-American War, and afterward in the Philippines. She has recently worked at Panama.

The *American Journal of Nursing* says: "Having proved herself equal to official responsibility in Government Service, and being used to the management of graduate nurses, there is no doubt that the choice is a happy one. The first nurses to be enrolled in the Navy Corps will number about 20, two examinations having been held. The plan is "to expand the corps very gradually and make most careful selections of the nurses."

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