

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOSPITAL FOR GENTLEWOMEN.

On no class of the community does sickness press more hardly than on gentlewomen of small means, such as the Florence Nightingale Hospital, 19, Lisson Grove, N.W., open to all denominations and all nationalities, is designed to help.

The hospital, formerly known as the Hospital for Invalid Gentlewomen, was for many years located at 90, Harley Street, and it was from there that Miss Nightingale, then Lady Superintendent, offered her services to the War Office for work in the Crimea in 1853. The present building has the advantage of being built for the purpose. The entrance hall contains a fine bronze bust of Miss Nightingale, given by Mr. and Mrs. Shore Nightingale, the waiting-room contains a picture of Lea Hurst, and there are other mementoes of Miss Nightingale's connection with the hospital.

The wards are arranged on two floors; in each case there is a general ward with 10 beds, divided when desired by curtains forming cubicles, and a small ward of two beds attached. There are also four single rooms on each floor—one of which is at present used as a chapel—which are simply, but comfortably and tastefully, furnished, the furniture including a comfortable low easy chair in a loose washing cover, which must be greatly appreciated by patients well enough to sit up.

On the top floor is the theatre and its annexes, equipped in the most up-to-date manner, and excellently lighted. It is heated by radiators. From this floor there is access to a spacious flat roof, and there are also balconies connected with the wards, on to which the patients can be wheeled in their beds.

The nurses' dining-room, and sitting-room, which adjoin, are very pleasant and comfortable rooms, containing some interesting pieces of old furniture from 90, Harley Street.

The patients are charged £2 10s. a week for separate rooms, and £1 5s. for a cubicle.

In view of this and of the extension of the hospital, which is now being erected and will include six extra beds, it is much to be regretted that there was last year a deficit of over £572. A work so intimately associated with Miss Florence Nightingale should surely be kept out of debt by her many friends and admirers. It will be remembered that when the freedom of the City of London was presented to Miss Nightingale, half of the money ordinarily spent on a gold casket was by her desire given to this institution.

THE GUILD OF SERVICE.

The Annual Meeting of the "Guild of Service" was held on May 20th at 7 o'clock at St. Paul's Chapter House, and was followed by a service in St. Paul's Cathedral at 8.30.

"The Guild of Service" is composed of members who are churchmen and churchwomen connected with or interested in Poor Law, Asylum and kindred institutions. The object of the Guild is to cherish and deepen the spiritual life of its members and probationers.

There was a large attendance, including many nurses, at the meeting.

The Bishop of Kingston, President of the Guild, who was in the chair, spoke hopefully of the advance made during the year by the Guild, which now numbers nearly 1,000 members, and considered it was taking a strong hold on the country. He proposed that the Council should draw up a Constitution to be submitted to the next annual meeting. The Bishop invited the members of the Guild to a party in his garden this summer.

Mrs. Woodward, Hon. Organising Secretary, in the course of an interesting report explained that during this year four new branches had been started in London, and two or three more are in course of being formed. Three fresh branches have been started in the provinces. Six members constitute a Branch, but most branches contain many more than this. There are 44 Branches in all. As far as possible monthly services and social gatherings are held in connection with the different branches. Any information can be obtained from Mrs. Woodward, 12, West Cromwell Road, who is Hon. Organising Secretary for the Guild all over the country.

A large congregation gathered under the Dome in the Cathedral for the service. Thirty-seven new members were admitted by the Bishop of Kingston, who afterwards gave an interesting address.

NURSES' DAY.

BRISTOL CONFERENCE AND HEALTH EXHIBITION, VICTORIA ROOMS, CLIFTON, BRISTOL.

The arrangements for the Nurses' Day, June 6th, are now complete, and those who have not yet applied for railway vouchers for reduced fares should do so at once to the Conference Secretary, Miss Symonds, 2, Arlington Villas, Clifton.

The following hospitals and institutions will, through the kindness of the authorities, be open to any nurses who can arrange to visit them on that morning:—The Royal Infirmary, the General Hospital, the Eye Hospital, the Children's Hospital, the Lying-in Hospital, the Dispensary for Consumption, the Orthopædic Hospital, the Cosham Memorial Hospital, the Blind Asylum Workshops, and the Blind Asylum at Westbury.

The programme of the day is as follows:—

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