

But by half-past eleven it was finished, and we sat down to rest, and to laugh yet again as we recalled some piquant expression. Then, before we had realised how quickly the evening had gone, the bulk of the visitors began to move away; the great clock pointed to twelve; the band played the National Anthem; and the first birthday of the British Nurses' Association had come and gone: its first birthday party was over, and "the prettiest thing of the season" had come to an end.

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But the results of the evening will remain. Nurses all over the kingdom—unless I am mistaken in their common sense—will hasten to join an Association which can organise and carry to such a triumphant success, such a grand gathering, for the benefit of its members. The public, who will hear about the Association, its objects and its success, this week, from the pens and the pencils of the army of Pressmen who were present, will think more highly of Nursing and of Nurses when it is seen that they are so successfully assisted to help themselves; and good will come out of it, I am certain, in many other ways.

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For example, it is reported that this action of the Association is stirring up the authorities at several Hospitals to do something to brighten the lives of their Nursing Staff. Amongst others, I am glad to hear that a Christmas entertainment of some sort is to be given to the Nurses of the London Hospital. St. Bartholomew's and Guy's and many smaller Hospitals have, it is well known, given these entertainments annually for years past, and I am very glad to hear that the London is about to follow their good example, and organise—though perhaps hardly on the same scale as the great endowed Hospitals can do—a similar gathering in Whitechapel.

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A KIND correspondent, from whom I hope to receive many such notes in future, writes to me this week:—A very interesting ceremony has just taken place at the Wirral Children's Hospital, Cheshire, when the Lady Superintendent, having sent in her resignation, was presented, by members of the Committee, with a handsome gold watch and chain, in token of their hearty appreciation of her services in the Hospital, and of the esteem with which she is personally regarded. Miss Cunnington was trained at the Berkshire Hospital, Reading, and has held her present appointment nine years, having rendered valuable service in the administration of the Hospital, upon removal of the children from the old building to the present picturesque and commodious Gothic

edifice, and her retirement is the cause of general regret; in confirmation of which, the House Surgeon and Nurses have presented her with a little address and two dainty volumes of the works of Prof. Ruskin, and the servants made a voluntary and eclectic offering of a useful and pretty cruet-stand. A not less interesting scene occurred when Mrs. Batt was also presented with a gold watch and chain, an acknowledgment of the service which she has for ten years rendered, entirely without emolument, by giving calisthenic exercises to the convalescent and out-patient children, in earnest desire of doing something towards straightening the bones and strengthening the muscles of the poor little ones; and though in all Nursing work the truest reward is the returning hue of health in the patient's face, and the pain made more easy to endure, yet the earthly "Well done, good and faithful," is very sweet to hear, and precious to remember, when the hands are forced to be idle, and the brain is forced to rest.

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I HEAR that Princess Christian is making an appeal for the support of the Trained Nurses who are employed in district work in Windsor and its neighbourhood. Her Royal Highness is such an excellent Nurse herself that she can thoroughly estimate the usefulness of such skilled assistance to the sick poor; and I am told that she devotes special personal attention to this branch of her many charitable works. S. G.

HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS, ETC., COMMUNICATED
AND COLLECTED.

WASHING THE FEET.—Dr. Morrisson gave a lecture on Tuesday evening at the Brixton Young Men's Christian Association rooms, on "When to Wash the Feet, and How to Do It." In a very pleasing way he traced the analogy between the feet and the understanding, showing the necessity for frequent cleansing, the proper means, &c. While giving valuable hints as to the care of the bodily feet, moral and spiritual cleansing were chiefly dwelt upon. A vote of thanks to Dr. Morrisson was passed.

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EDINBURGH HEALTH SOCIETY.—One of the best lectures of the course was given on Saturday evening by Dr. R. Milne Murray, who took for his subject "Animal Heat in Relation to Health." It is seldom that such a complex subject is handled so thoroughly and lucidly before a popular audience as was this by Dr. Murray. He explained and

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