

The following record will give our readers a slight sketch of the work of Mrs. Dacre Craven:—

St. Thomas' Hospital (Nightingale Probationer), 1866; Deaconesses' Training Schools, Dresden and Kaiserswerth, 1867; King's College Hospital (Sister), 1868; in training under the Sœurs Auxiliatrices pour les âmes en Purgatoire (District Nursing), Paris; les Sœurs Augustines, Hôtel Dieu; les Sœurs de Charité de St. Vincent de Paul in the Military Hospitals of Val de Grâce and Vincennes; les Dames de S. Thomas de Villeneuve, Enfant Jésus, 1869—70.

Superintendent of 2nd Fever Station 10th German Army Corps before Metz, Aug. to Nov., 1870; Superintendent of the Royal Reserve Lazareth for wounded at Hombourg, founded and organised by H.R.H. the Crown Princess of Germany and Prussia (the Empress Frederick), Nov., 1870—May, 1871.

Visited the chief Hospitals in Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Austria and Italy, as well as in London, Berlin, and Paris, 1871—1872; also in United States and Canada, 1873—1874.

Hon. Sec. (with Lady Strangford) of Sub-Committee of Enquiry of National Society for providing Trained Nurses for the Sick Poor, London, 1874; Metropolitan and National Nursing Association—Superintendent-General 1875—81, Honorary Inspector 1881—88; Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, Member of Provisional Committee 1888—90, Member of Council 1890—93.

Cross.—German Order of Merit (Verdienst Kreuz); Cross (Hon. Associate) of Order of St. John of Jerusalem; German War Medal, 1870—71.

Author of "*Handbook for Hospital Sisters*" (Isbister), 1873; "*A Guide to District Nurses and Home Nursing*" (Macmillan), 1890; "*Nursing as a Profession for Gentlewomen*," 1872; "*In a Fever Hospital before Metz*;" "*The Crown Princess' Hospital for Wounded*;" "*Servants of the Sick Poor*" (Nineteenth Century) and articles in other papers and magazines.

It may not be generally known that in the preface (by Sir Henry Ackland) to a Handbook for Hospital Sisters, written by Miss Florence Lees, twenty years ago, the following significant paragraph appears:—

"The Medical Act of 1858 allows women to be registered as medical practitioners. It makes no provision for the registration of trained Nurses, however complete their education, and however great their skill, whether as Midwives or Nurses. Many accomplished women might reasonably desire the name as well as the function of Superintendents of Hospitals, or of Ward Sisters, or of Nurses. At present, they can have no such legal recognition of their qualifications in either department as is obtained by sisters who become school-mistresses, or who are students or teachers of Art. That this ought to be remedied can hardly admit of doubt; but it rests with the women of England to decide whether, what is here advocated, has their support as well as their approval, or whether the sole relation they will have to the medical profession is to be that of ordinary licence to practice surgery and medicine as with men."

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HER Royal Highness Princess CHRISTIAN has graciously consented to become a patroness of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children at Glasgow.

WE are glad to hear that the term of training at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, has been raised from two to three years. This arrangement is in keeping with the growth

and importance of the institution. It is a well-known fact that upwards of two hundred beds cannot be nursed in the most efficient manner with a term of less than three years' work from its junior Nurses, because the Probationers have not the benefit of working under thoroughly experienced staff Nurses, and in consequence do not get taught their duties from the beginning in the most efficient manner. Only two London Hospitals attempt to organise their nursing schools on the two years' curriculum, and, doubtless, their Committees will, before long, conform to the higher and more modern standard advocated by the Lord's Committee and the Royal Corporation of Nurses.

It is also good news that two of the Metropolitan Nursing Schools, which formerly sent out their pupils from their wards—thus interrupting their systematic training—to do private nursing, have ceased to do so, and very wisely, as by depriving their pupils of the promised term of training in the wards, they deprived them of eligibility for Registration and membership of the Association, which now the Royal Charter is granted, is a very grave responsibility for any Committee of a public institution to undertake, and one which we feel sure will be much resented by their Nurses in the near future.

THE Quarterly Journal of the R.B.N.A. is just issued, and will prove of great interest to those members who are abroad, and who were not present at the Charter dinner and annual meeting. The editorial reviews the two new resolutions *re* advertising members, and ends with these significant words of warning:—

"A Nurse who becomes an accomplice in the misleading statements of the makers and sellers of quack medicines is at once unworthy of her calling and unfit to exercise it, and the second regulation which we have quoted will arm the Council of the Association with power to remove such a person from the membership of a body upon which her acts are calculated to bring discredit."

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