

## Nursing Echoes.

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THE Committee of St. George's Hospital have decided to build a new Nursing Home in Montpellier Street, W. This arrangement will add considerably to the convenience and comfort of the Nursing staff.

IT was announced at the Quarterly Court at the London Hospital that for the future the Sisters will be provided with washing uniforms. It is strange how slowly this reform is being instituted in our Hospitals.

WE lately had the pleasure of going over the Chelsea Hospital for Women, and were glad to observe the combination of comfort and excellent order in which the wards are kept. The new Matron, Miss Heather Bigg, possesses the courtesy of manner and keen personal interest in the work of the institution, which will go far to inspire confidence upon the part of those who become inmates of, or visitors to, the Hospital. The comfort of the Nursing Staff is receiving consideration, and a most restful little sitting-room has been arranged for the convenience of the Charge Nurses. We feel sure that most valuable experience in the nursing of gynaecological and abdominal cases is to be obtained under the present administration.

THE Wolverhampton Queen Victoria Nursing Institution, which has been in existence for six years, has a beautiful Nursing Home, and, in addition to the ordinary work of such an Institution, it has also accommodation for paying patients. Several sitting-rooms with adjoining bed-rooms have been added to the Home, and in these, private patients can be attended by their own medical men, and may thus obtain the perfect quiet and skilled attention which they might not be able to receive in their own homes.

The staff of this Institution includes 23 private Nurses, 2 district Nurses, and 5 probationers in training at the Wolverhampton, Derby, Shrewsbury, and Worcester General Hospitals. The Lady Superintendent is Miss Loveys. A separate Home, which was opened last autumn,

is provided for the district Nurses. Previously these Nurses had been accommodated in lodgings, a plan which was not found to be very comfortable; so the present Home, which affords very pleasant accommodation, was secured.

LAST week General Zédé presided over an interesting ceremonial at the Military Hospital of Romans, when Sister Saint Henry was formally invested with the Legion of Honour in the presence of the assembled troops, a reward she has nobly earned by years of devotion to the sick and wounded.

MISS FLORENCE BALGARNIE, writing in *Great Thoughts* on "Woman: Her Place and Power," has a word to say on "Our Pioneers."

MISS FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

"Miss Florence Nightingale's definition of the art, as that of *nursing the sick, not of nursing sickness*, contains a whole gospel for the sick room. It is not merely the head, but the heart, not merely theory or book-learning, but practice in the sick-room or Hospital ward, which is needed."

MISS STANLEY.

"Second not even to Florence Nightingale as a pioneer was Miss Stanley, sister of the late Dean. She had not the conspicuous organising ability of her chief, but the part she played in the Crimean Campaign was no less characterised by devoted heroism. Many other noble women slumber in a nameless grave at Scutari, and the time will come when honour shall be done to the rank and file of those without whose co-operation the achievements of Miss Nightingale would have been impossible."

MISS AGNES JONES.

"Second to none in the roll of honour comes the name of Agnes Elizabeth Jones, who 'in less than three years reduced one of the most disorderly Hospital populations in the world to something like Christian discipline, such as the police themselves wondered at.' 'She lived the life, and died the death,' said one of her intimate friends, 'of the saints and martyrs, though the greatest sinner would not have been more surprised than she to have heard this said of herself.'"

"SISTER DORA,

as the late Miss Dorothy Pattison was familiarly called by the toiling population of Walsall, whom she so long blessed with gentle ministrings, was a woman of a somewhat different type. She was a genial autocrat, before whom it pleased medical as well as Nursing staff to bow. The most degraded and hopeless worshipped her, and hundreds of the poor, the maimed, and the blind flocked to the graveyard, when still in the prime of her days she was snatched away by death in 1878. The working men of the district determined to raise a monument to do her honour. It is said that the first public statue erected in this country to a woman, other than a queen, was in memory of this heroine of the Hospital ward."

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