

of the Order by the Countess Cadogan, who attached it in each case to the left shoulder of the nurse.

MRS. TREACY, Lady Manager of the City of Dublin Nursing Institution, as well as the new "Honorary Serving Sisters," were presented to their Excellencies the Lord Lieutenant and Countess Cadogan. The names of the nurses are as follows:—Miss Elizabeth Carson, Miss Sarah Caldwell, Miss Elizabeth Doyle, Miss Flora Fitzmaurice, Miss Honoria Kenny, Miss Kathleen Kinsella, Miss Frances Macalister, Miss Margaret McMunn, and Miss Mary Simpson

At the close of the proceedings the Right Hon. Lord Justice Fitzgibbon said a few words of thanks to their excellencies, and also proposed a vote of thanks to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Prior, and the Order of St John of Jerusalem, to which His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant replied.

At the meetings of the Health Congress, held in Dublin, "a striking feature of several of the sections was," says a contemporary, "the presence of the uniformed nurses. With keen intelligence they followed the various points of interest, and showed how a practical result, as far as their profession alone is concerned, could be achieved, by taking notes as the speeches proceeded, and valuable nursing hints were given."

THE First Annual Meeting of the friends and subscribers of the Bangor District Nursing Society, which is affiliated to the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for nurses, was held last week in the Ward Hall, Bangor. The Marquis of Dufferin and Ava was, upon the motion of the Dean of Down, moved to the chair amid much applause. The annual report was then read by the Marchioness of Dufferin, who stated that the idea of providing a nurse for the poor of Bangor was no sooner started than it was warmly taken up. It was decided that nothing should be done until £100 had been received in donations, and £50 in annual subscriptions, and these conditions were quickly fulfilled. Miss Dunn, the inspector of the Jubilee Nurses in Ireland, then came and gave a very interesting account of district nursing at a meeting held at Bangor Castle, and on the 24th of May, 1897, the Queen's Birthday, Miss M. Martin began work, in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee.

MR. P. PHELAN, J.P., Coroner, held an inquest last week at Castleblayney Workhouse on the body of an aged inmate of the Workhouse Infirmary named Charles Hand, who died from exhaustion and loss of blood consequent on wounds on the throat, self-inflicted with a razor. The evidence showed that Hand was one of about seventy-five patients in the hospital and infirm

wards—24 in hospital and the remainder infirm—who are attended by one nurse and one untrained assistant. We learn from a contemporary that these have the care of eight, and sometimes ten, wards, and have to superintend the washing and serving of food to the inmates of these wards, in addition to looking after the nursing. Dr. Wilson, Medical Officer of the Workhouse, declared in his evidence at the inquest, that "it is a physical impossibility for the nurse and her assistant to pay proper attention to the sick in the hospital;" and, further, that the circular recently issued by the Local Government Board calling upon guardians to appoint an efficient staff of nurses to pay proper attention to the sick and infirm people, has not been carried out in this Union, in which two trained nurses and two probationers at least would be required. The coroner's jury, in addition to a verdict of death in accordance with the evidence, drew up a rider, recommending the Local Government Board to see that an efficient staff of nurses is appointed in the hospital to look after the sick poor.

DR. BROWNE, Local Government Board Inspector, recently held a sworn inquiry into the circumstances connected with the removal of a patient named Ellen Casey, Charleville, to the Kilmallock Workhouse, where she died on the following day. From a lengthy account of the proceedings we cull the following: "Dr. Cremin, Charleville, gave evidence that he instructed the relieving officer to wire for the van and two nurses, to remove the patient, as she could not get proper care at home; and to provide two glasses of whisky and a glass of water for the patient on the journey. The van was a very bad arrangement, and the jolting would be considerable."

MARY HOURIGAN, one of the "nurses" sent, deposed that "she went with Mrs. Piggott to Charleville. They were both inside the van. They stopped at Brien's public-house going out and coming back. She could not say how many drinks they each had. They and the driver (Glynn) had one anyway. They only remained two minutes, and they (the nurses) had a glass of porter and biscuits in Charleville. From there they went to the patient's house, who was ready to be put into the van. She was sitting on the bed in the loft with the nurse. Witness assisted the patient downstairs. She sat on the outside of a car; she called at a few houses in Charleville, but could not exactly say whether she had any more drink. The van did not stop at the houses she visited; she called at the houses for cakes and sweets. They stopped a little outside the town, as the nurse said the patient was getting a weakness. She saw the patient getting a drink of the relieving officer's medicine. They again stopped at O'Brien's public-house and had some porter; she brought a glass of porter to Mrs. Piggott. She could not say how

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