

THE QUEEN, in the course of her drive on Tuesday last, visited the Mater Misericordia Hospital, Dublin, when the Rev. Mother Ligouri and Sister Berchmans had the honour of being presented, her Majesty shaking hands with them. To Sir Christopher Nixon the Queen said:—"I am very greatly pleased with my visit. This seems a very large hospital. How many beds have you in occupation?" Sir Christopher replied that there were 340, but that, including its staff, quite 500 persons slept under the roof nightly. It was supported by voluntary contributions, and managed by Sisters of Charity. The Queen again expressed her satisfaction, after which she resumed her drive.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN visited the beautiful Royal Hospital for Incurables at Donnybrook, and was received by Mr. William Fry, the Chairman, and Miss Louisa Bradshaw, the Lady Superintendent, Member of the Matrons' Council.

THE latest members of the League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses are Miss Helen Pearse, Miss Nicolson, Miss Asquith, Mrs. Lynn (late Sister Lawrence), Mrs. Redrup, and Miss Hester Reynolds. We are asked to state that the Badge of the League may now be obtained by members from the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Spencer, 35, Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, W., price 4s. 9d., including postage.

NEXT time you have a "half-day," don't forget to pay a visit to the "Waddesdon Bequest Room" at the British Museum, where you will find the priceless treasures bequeathed to the nation by the late Baron Ferdinand Rothschild. The collection is of exceptional richness, and numbers 262 pieces, and contains exquisite specimens of goldsmith's art, painted enamels, jewelled work, a fine series of crystal cups, and other gems.

THERE was great enthusiasm in Taunton, on the departure of Nurse Florence Louise Sage for South Africa, as one of the nursing staff of the Welsh Hospital. For the last eight years Nurse Sage has been a member of the staff of the Taunton District Nursing Association, and her severance of her connection with this institution was made the occasion of the expression of much good-will on the part of the townspeople. A dressing-bag, and a travelling-clock, as well as an address in an album, were presented at a public meeting held in the Temperance Hall, High Street, the fund for these presentations being raised in a few days by a committee consisting of the delegates from the Taunton Friendly Societies.

MR. COUNCILLOR HAMMETT, who presided, said that the address, which he proceeded to read, was framed with the idea of conveying and expressing the voice and feeling of the working people of Taunton, and spoke appreciatively of Nurse Sage's work. Other speeches followed, amongst them one from Miss Fisher, Lady Superintendent of the Taunton District Nursing Association, which was received with hearty applause.

NURSE SAGE, on returning thanks for the gifts presented to her, said:—"I thank you very much for the very beautiful presents you have given to me, and for so kindly coming here to-night to say good-bye to me." She received a great ovation, and later, upon leaving the town by the mail train, she was drawn by a large number of people to the station in an open carriage. Ropes were attached to the shafts, torches carried, patriotic airs played, and, altogether, the send-off was most enthusiastic.

It is a matter for great regret that the Brighton, Hove, and Preston District Nursing Association, a most useful Society, is suffering from the fate which befalls many Brighton charities, and cannot get enough money to carry on its present work, while the possibility of extending it, as is very desirable, is quite impossible. It is certainly discreditable that in a rich town like Brighton, where so much money is lavishly spent on self-indulgence, that its charities should be so ill-supported. We hope that, for their own credit sake, the well-to-do inhabitants of Brighton will accord to the local charities some semblance of support.

WE do not wonder that the Scarborough Guardians are becoming shy of advertising their vacant nursing appointments. As a member of the Board remarked the other day, when it was proposed to advertise for an assistant nurse, "the number of vacancies in the nursing staff had made the Board rather notorious." Ultimately the matter was left in the hands of the House Committee. This body would be well advised to place the selection of probationers in the hands of the Matron of the Infirmary, and to empower her to engage a sufficient number of nurses to admit of the efficient nursing of the patients.

It is, apparently, not only at the West London Hospital that resolutions have been passed excluding Nurse A. J. Beatty, M.R.B.N.A., from admission to the institution, and we presume Miss Beatty intends to test their

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