

new hospital on the freehold site on Tubb's Hill, Sevenoaks, already purchased. The plan for the new hospital has been furnished by Mr. T. Graham Jackson, R.A., and the estimated cost is £8,500. Towards this there is now in hand £7,500.

The Annual Collections at the various manufactories and workshops in aid of the Wolverhampton General Hospital and Eye Infirmary which took place recently, have resulted in the sum of £1,640 being paid into the bank, an amount which is £180 in excess of that received last year.

Last week the "Winstanley Wing" of the Chorley Cottage Hospital, was formerly opened by the donor Mrs. Winstanley, of Dublin, who has given it to the town in memory of her husband, who, with herself, was a native of the place. The wing, which has cost £4,000, contains two wards, an operating theatre, a receiving room, and offices. The building was accepted by the Mayor, who assured Mrs. Winstanley that her gift would be sincerely appreciated by all classes, on behalf of the inhabitants of the town.

Coventry City Hospital is full of scarlet fever cases, and the authorities have had to make temporary arrangements for the reception of typhoid fever patients at an infectious diseases hospital at Foleshill.

The annual house to house collection for the Cottage Hospital, Boston, has resulted in a subscription of £30.

The bazaar held in aid of the furnishing fund of the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Rhyl, on Wednesday and Thursday, has resulted in a sum of upwards of £1,000 being realised, after the payment of expenses. This will, it is anticipated, suffice to provide the furniture required for the various wards. One of the wards is to be furnished at the expense of Mrs. Foulkes, widow of the late Archdeacon Foulkes, of St. Asaph, who was practically the founder of the hospital.

At a special meeting of the Barry District Council the motion to erect a permanent small-pox hospital was rejected by six votes to five. The erection of a temporary hospital will therefore be proceeded with.

The sudden death at Candilli, on the Bosphorus, of Dr. Richard Sarrell, removes one well known in the medical world as the pioneer of scientific surgery in Turkey. Dr. Sarrell, who was born in Constantinople in 1829, studied medicine first in France and afterwards at Edinburgh, where, after a brilliant career, he graduated as M.D. Subsequently he acquired a reputation for unerring skill in diagnosis, and as a skilful operator. For many years he held the post of Professor of Clinical Surgery at the Imperial Ottoman School of Medicine. He was buried in the British Cemetery at Scutari, the expenses of the funeral being defrayed by the Turkish Government, by whom Dr. Sarrell was held in high esteem.

Dr. Hunter Maguire, one of the most prominent surgeons of the United States, has died at Richmond (Virginia).

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NURSING AND HYGIENE.

We have received from Messrs. H. K. Lewis, of 136, Gower Street, W.C., a copy of the third edition "Illustrated Lectures on Nursing and Hygiene," by R. Lawton Roberts, M.D., D.P.H., price 2s. 6d., being a course of lectures arranged mainly on the plan of the syllabus of the advanced nursing course of the St. John's Ambulance Association, in connection with which Dr. Roberts is a lecturer and examiner.

We in no way wish to depreciate the work of the St. John's Ambulance Association, which is most excellently organized, and for which we have much regard, but we can but regret that it departs from its sphere of usefulness when it gives a "nursing certificate of proficiency" to candidates who pass an examination after attending a course of eight lectures on "Nursing and Sanitary Matters," in which are included practical instruction in poultice-making, bandaging, and bed-making.

A "grand total" of 18,000 nursing certificates had been issued in 1891, so that at the present time the possessors of such certificates must be numerous indeed. Skilled nursing is, however, a serious affair, not to be learned in eight or eighteen weeks, and can only be attained by prolonged clinical experience. If the St. John's Ambulance Association gave this course of lectures as an advanced course of "First Aid" we should wish it well, but we must deprecate the flooding of the country with nursing certificates, which, from their nature must be valueless as a proof of "nursing proficiency."

The holders of this certificate are advised by the author to "still further improve themselves in the practical work of nursing" by undergoing a course of instruction in District Nursing among the sick poor, lasting *eight weeks*, at St. John's House, Worcester. It is not considered that this course of instruction will qualify its recipients to adopt nursing as a profession, but it is seriously contemplated that women so trained are qualified to act as nurses in time of war. We read:—"In time of war such knowledge is simply invaluable, as it is quite impossible for the trained nurses usually employed in the military hospitals to attend properly the prodigious masses of sick and wounded incidental to a great campaign. . . . The Ambulance Association is thoroughly alive to this important matter; and lists are carefully prepared of those women who have been specially trained at St. John's House, Worcester, or in some other recognized training school or hospital, from which skilled nurses could be drawn for service "should this country unhappily be engaged in a European or other war of such magnitude that aid auxiliary to the Army Medical Department would be indispensable."

In all friendliness we would ask the St. John's Ambulance Association to revise this ancient regulation, and, remembering that in the last quarter of a century nursing has progressed by leaps and bounds to place no one on its list as competent to nurse the wounded who does not hold the three years' certificate of her training school, and is in addition recommended as suitable by her Matron. A useful list, if it were kept up to date, might then be available, but, as plenty of nurses with this qualification are obtainable, there is no excuse for employing amateurs.

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