

Thus inspired by prophecies and prayers was this great hospital builded, and to many its removal would appear a grievous wrong. Let it be reconstructed, say they, but on the original foundation, and thus continue its splendid work of healing on what to many appears a hallowed spot.

Rahere was buried in his own church, now the parish church of St. Bartholomew the Great; his tomb is in the north wall of the chancel, and consists of a highly wrought stone-work screen, or rather canopy, with finely-grained roof, beneath which is the sarcophagus, and on this the effigy of Rahere in black robes is seen, extended at full length, with shaven crown, and hands elevated in prayer. At his feet, on a cloud, stands an angel, crowned, holding the arms of the Priory, while by him kneel two monks, habited, like Rahere, in black robes, each with a Bible in his hand, open at the 51st chapter of the Prophet Isaiah. The third verse of the chapter, which is inscribed on the little stone tablet, is significant of the work which Rahere did when he covered the marshy ground of Smithfield with beautiful buildings for the praise and worship of God and good deeds to men. "He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found therein, thanksgiving and the voice of melody."

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Good Work in India.

The eighteenth annual report of the Countess of Dufferin's Fund is a splendid record of steady progress in India for the year 1902. The main feature of the year has been the fact that Lady Curzon's Victoria Memorial Scholarships Fund for training Indian midwives now stands at nearly seven lakhs of rupees, which, thanks to Lady Northcote's exertions in Bombay and Lady Amptill's energy in Madras, bring the total investments of the Dufferin Fund to about thirty-four lakhs of rupees. The buildings and institutions engaged in furthering the work of the association are valued at a like amount; so that the actual wealth of the fund, which is wholly interested in providing female medical aid to the women and children of India, is about £450,000. During the past year nearly 2,000,000 women and children received medical aid. The association employs thirty-nine lady doctors who are qualified for registration in the United Kingdom, seventy-five assistant surgeons, and 206 hospital assistants and others, besides a large number of midwives employed throughout the country. Five hundred and nineteen women are studying in various grades in Indian colléges and schools of medicine.

Queen Victoria's Memorial.

Lady Dimsdale has forwarded to the Marchioness of Londonderry's Committee a total of £3,888 as the result of the City of London collection for the Women's Memorial to Queen Victoria, in connection with the Queen's Jubilee Nurses. This is the largest sum collected by any county or borough committee throughout the United Kingdom.

Legal Matters.

LIGHT-FINGERED LADIES.

Sarah Hepple, of Brandon, near Durham, formerly a nurse at a private hospital in Newcastle, was recently charged before the Newcastle Magistrates with stealing a diamond bracelet and gold ring, valued at £85, the property of Lady Muriel Paget, who in September and October last was a patient in the above institution, where the accused was then employed. While there she missed the articles of jewellery referred to, and the prisoner, who was seen wearing similar ornaments, admitted her guilt when questioned by the police, saying that she had taken them in a moment of sudden temptation and was afraid to return them. The Bench remanded the prisoner in custody for a week.

Edith Graham, a stylishly dressed woman, described as an asylum nurse, was last week committed for trial at the Clerkenwell Police Court on a charge of stealing a quantity of linen and wearing apparel from 15, Mabledon Place, St. Pancras. There were fifty other charges against her of stealing linen and wearing apparel from houses in the neighbourhood.

For the last five years the prisoner has been away from her husband, during which time she has been an asylum nurse. She lost her work through her intemperate habits.

Beatrice Ashworth, a nurse-attendant, of 13, Mount Street, Liverpool, was charged last week at Tottenham with stealing £140 from Sawtell's House, White Hart Lane, the property of Julia Molesworth. The prisoner was engaged to nurse the prosecutrix, who was an invalid, at a salary of £40. In a letter addressed to her employer the accused said her husband had just come out of prison, and she had ruined her character for his sake. When arrested at Liverpool she told a detective that she had put £100 on a horse and lost it. The prisoner was remanded.

We have no system of registration of nurses, and we are unable to trace the qualifications of these accused women, but the constant record in the police news of charges against women who claim to be nurses must surely arouse the public to the need of protection from criminals who pose as nurses.

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