

given by Father John Nicolson, who, speaking of the religious vows, said that perseverance in their observance is the sequel of deep and sincere humility. At the conclusion of the ceremony an excellent luncheon was provided by the Sisters in the refectory of the Mother House at Stone.

Writing in the Journal of the Chelsea Infirmary Nurses' League of the work of the late George Frederick Watts, R.A., and of the memorial service at St. Paul's Cathedral on the burial day, Miss Barton says:—

"I think that to us as nurses the picture that appeals the most forcibly, and for which we owe to Watts the greatest debt of gratitude, is that of 'Love and Death.' It is a lovely picture, and surely an ideal for all who have the care of the sick. 'Love,' in the form of a young boy with glittering wings, stands at the head of some steps, guarding a door round which roses are growing and clinging in rich luxuriance. His face is sad and earnest, and with outstretched arms he tries to force back with all his might the solemn and majestic figure of 'Death' which slowly seems to approach. What is being enacted behind the rose-covered door the artist does not tell us, but surely we can fill in the picture from our own experience.

"We, whose profession is the care of the sick, seem to hear the message to put aside all thoughts of narrowness or jealousy, or any feeling of indifference about our patients, or of ever treating them merely as cases, and feel inspired to rally all our powers of science, skill, and training, and, dominated by love, to fight with might and main for the life and health of each patient entrusted to our care.

"As the strains of the solemn funeral march rolled through the Cathedral it seemed to impress itself on one's mind that in spite of all his valiant efforts the time comes when 'Love,' with his shining wings and earnest face, has to stand aside, and Death enters through the well-guarded door; but surely here the artist has struck a note of comfort. The figure approaching is so strong, so dignified, and inspires us with such confidence that we feel that 'Love' in yielding knows with reverent insight that he is only yielding to a Higher Love, and that all will be well."

At the last meeting of the Prescott Guardians the Rev. S. A. K. Sylvester said that the Board was to be sincerely congratulated on the report which had been received on the results of the examination of the nurses in the massage classes. Last November the Guardians arranged with Miss Hunter to hold classes which seven charge nurses and eight probationers attended, and subsequently five nurses and four probationers presented themselves for examination for the certificate of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses. All the nine who presented themselves passed, two with distinction. Out of all England there were ninety-six candidates, and sixty-six were successful. There was a distinctive class of merit, which contained seven names, and heading that list was Nurse Olley, of Whiston, and the third on the list was one of their probationers, Miss Charleston. The

first four in the order of merit were from Prescott Union, Nurse Price, Probationer Roberts, Nurse Clarke, and Probationer Kay; and Probationer Schofield was bracketed fifth. Nurses Tunstall and Jones were sixteenth and twenty-second respectively. The excellence of the results reflected great credit on the teacher, Miss Hunter, and the nursing staff, and showed they had as good material as any nursing staff in the country.

At a recent meeting of the Chester Guardians, the Chairman warmly expressed the appreciation of the Board at the admirable work done by the Superintendent Nurse, who had "coached" the nurses, and, in the midst of her own work, given the necessary lectures and training herself. It was, he said, a matter of congratulation that they had such a proficient head nurse. Several members supported these remarks.

The patients served by the Billingborough and District Nursing Association appear to appreciate its work, for during the last half-year Nurse Cartwright has attended forty-three cases, and paid no less than 1,296 visits in the villages and fens, involving long journeys in all kinds of weather.

The various reports presented at the fifth annual meeting of the Toronto Branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses were most satisfactory. The Treasurer stated that through the efforts of her Excellency the Countess of Minto, who unfortunately was unable to be present at the meeting, the sum of 52,500 dols. was subscribed in the City of Toronto by friends of the Order to the Cottage Hospital Fund, of which 32,000 dols. has already been collected. The income from this fund will not only assist the Order in maintaining the Cottage Hospital and Nurses' Homes, but will enable the Order to establish new homes and hospitals in the Dominion where they can be of the greatest service. The visits paid by the nurses during the year numbered 5,802. The fees collected from patients amounted to 1,435.10 dols. The medical report, read by Dr. Harley Smith, was one which showed marked success in the work of the Order in every department. The demand on the nurses has been very great, and Miss Eastwood and the six nurses associated with her have had their time fully occupied. Miss Eastwood, the Lady Superintendent, read her report, which was one of great satisfaction to all who were present. Letters were read from several doctors who avail themselves of the services of the nurses, saying that the work of the Order is hampered from lack of sufficient nurses to do the work opening up in all directions, and suggesting that, if possible, the staff be made larger—a testimony which must be very satisfactory to the founders of the scheme. We hope that increased financial support may enable its sphere

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