

money must be forthcoming in support of such good work.

One of the prettiest little county hospitals we have lately seen is at Newark, built of bright red brick, and surrounded with well-kept green lawns. Here Miss Gaved Wills is doing good service to the sick, and many improvements have been made of late years. Wherever we go we hear of the costliness of hospital upkeep, and to those who do not realise the cost of illness, when first-class medical treatment and nursing is utilised, may well complain; but when we compare the condition of the sick in the past with the attention they now receive, we grasp that money is well spent in modern equipment. Indeed, it is often a matter of life and death, and should make the rich generous towards those whose only asset is a healthy body.

It has been the practice for nurses connected with the Liverpool District Nursing Association to visit certain of the schools and to dress any wounds, &c., needing attention. Last year some 50,000 such dressings were performed, and the District Nursing Association desire that their work should be supported by the authorities. All connected with the schools—inspectors, managers, and teachers—have everything to say in favour of the good work done by the nurses, and it is to be hoped they will attain the recognition which they seek.

It has been a matter of the greatest regret to her many friends that Miss Duke, through ill-health, has been obliged to resign her position as Nurse Matron at the Cottage Hospital, Chalfont St. Peter, after 3½ years of loving and faithful duty. Her work has been greatly appreciated by all who have been in any way connected with the hospital, either as patients or otherwise. As a token of the great esteem in which she is held, a testimonial has been raised by subscribers and friends of the hospital, with the result that a cheque for £30 2s. 6d. has been presented to the retiring Matron. In connection with this testimonial, Miss Duke has expressed her appreciation of and gratitude for the gift, as well as for the kindness which prompted it.

A party of nuns, consisting of a superior and five sisters, belonging to the Order of "the Little Sisters of the Assumption," of which the Mother House is in Paris, have arrived at Norwich, their headquarters being at No. 7, Chapelfield Road. They intend to work amongst the sick poor in their own homes, and, in addition to nursing duties, undertake the household work and the care of the children without any fee or reward of any kind. The sisters had a warm welcome from members of the Roman Catholic faith in Norwich, and recently received a visit from the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk.

At an inquest at the Derbyshire County Asylum on the body of Ann Elizabeth Marsh, wife of a stonemason, who had been under special observation in consequence of her suicidal tendencies, it transpired that the deceased managed to elude the vigilance of her attendants, and hanged herself with a piece of plaited tape in a strong room adjoining the dormitory in which she had been confined. A nurse admitted that when she took charge of the ward she failed to ascertain definitely whether the deceased was present. The medical superintendent stated that had not a second nurse carelessly left a door unfastened the deceased could not have got out of the ward. The jury returned a verdict of "Suicide," and a juror expressed the opinion that the nurses deserved sympathy for having so many cases to look after.

It is true the strain of the care of cases of this kind is considerable, but that is no reason why a patient under special observation for her suicidal tendencies should be able to hang herself without her absence from the ward being observed.

At a recent meeting of the Cosford Guardians the employment in Poor Law cases of the nurses of the Boxford and Lavenham District Nursing Association was discussed. Colonel the Hon. H. W. L. Corry said that these nurses were educated by the County Council with public money, and consequently their services were to be had at a very small charge. The offer was made that the nurses should be called in by the Relieving Officer at a charge of 2d. a day. He moved that when necessary the Relieving Officers should call in a skilled nurse at this charge. An objection was raised by Mr. Gage, but the Chairman maintained that it was cheaper to have a skilled nurse at 2d. per day than an unskilled woman at 4s. per week. The moral of the discussion to women who are contemplating obtaining some training and, consequently, knowledge of the work which they have to perform is to remain untrained and earn the higher sum.

Ample testimony of the excellency of the work performed by the Dundee Sick Poor Nursing Society was given at the annual meeting of the Society held in that town recently, when Sir William Ogilvy Dalgleish occupied the chair. The Secretary, Mr. James Combe, stated that the Society was founded in 1890, two nurses being employed, who paid 3,440 visits. Last year the Superintendent and eight nurses now at work had paid no less than 39,893 visits. The report stated that high attainments were necessary for a district nurse; she must be a good woman as well as a clever nurse. In addition to full training in hospital work, she must possess sympathy, ability, energy, tact, and judgment, combined with good health and unusual powers of endurance, and experience had taught that only amongst educated gentlewomen could those be found who were able to exercise authority and

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