

of tuberculosis has disappointed hopes; the serum for typhoid fever is being experimented with and has yielded good results in some cases; the serum of dysentery has not come up to expectations; the anti-pneumococcal serum has not proven of practical value; the serum for hay fever is said to mark a significant advance in the treatment of the disease; the tetanus antitoxin has markedly decreased the mortality from that disease. Of all antitoxins the diphtheria antitoxin has given the most satisfactory results. These serums are obtained in a great variety of ways. Extensive experiments are now being carried on, and there is, or seems to be, a widening field for serum therapy. If the teacher could visit some of the laboratories of the manufacturers of pharmaceutical products and see medicines in the making, she will see much that will be of practical value to her in teaching materia medica.—CHARLOTTE A. AIKENS, in *National Hospital Record*.

Honour to a Nurse.

Nurse Bell Edgar has been presented by the King with the Victorian medal, in recognition of her services as nurse to the Duke of Connaught since his motor accident. She has also received from the Duke and Duchess of Connaught a pearl brooch in acknowledgment of her care and attention to the Duke, in addition to a laudatory testimonial of her skill.

Nurse Edgar was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, and is a member of the Scottish Association of Trained Nurses, 15, Alva Road, Edinburgh.

Prizes at Bristol.

At the Annual Prize Distribution, at the Bristol General Hospital, the medals, certificates, and prizes were distributed by the Chairman, Mr. Joseph Storrs Fry. The gold medal was awarded to Nurse Upton, and the silver medal, with a special certificate, to Nurse Lane. Seven other nurses gained special certificates of merit.

Medals for Nurses.

Lord Roberts, at a church parade held on the Wanderers' Ground, Johannesburg, presented medals in recognition of their services to the sick and wounded in the late war—to five Sisters of Nazareth, of Nazareth House, Johannesburg, with other religious and secular nurses.

As the Sisters, who were the first to be decorated, advanced towards the place where Lord and Lady Roberts, their daughters, Lord Milner, the Mayor of Johannesburg, and others were seated, the cheering of the tens of thousands of spectators was most enthusiastic. Lord Roberts expressed his great pleasure at meeting the Sisters again on such a memorable occasion.

Progress of State Registration.

MEETING AT THE BAGTHORPE INFIRMARY, NOTTINGHAM.

Miss Dwight, the Superintendent of Nurses at the Bagthorpe Infirmary, near Nottingham, has already made her mark in the nursing world as an earnest worker for nursing progress from an educational and professional standpoint, and as a member of the Society for the State Registration of Nurses has done admirable service in encouraging all those with whom she works to read, mark, and learn all they can about the profession to which they belong, the result being that the Sisters and nurses at Bagthorpe Infirmary are unusually well-informed on matters appertaining to nursing politics.

On Thursday, November 17th, by the kind invitation of Miss Dwight, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick paid a visit to Bagthorpe Infirmary, and addressed a large meeting of the nursing staff on the question of State Registration. Miss Dwight took the chair, and welcomed the speaker in an admirable little speech. Miss Lucy Scott, the senior third year probationer, presented to Mrs. Fenwick from the nursing staff a beautiful shower bouquet of shaded chrysanthemums tied with yellow ribbon, for which she most warmly thanked the audience.

Miss Dwight said that many of those present had attended the meeting on the previous evening at the General Hospital, Nottingham, and listened with great attention to the address on the important question of Registration, in which she and the nursing staff generally were extremely interested, but as others were left on duty she had asked Mrs. Fenwick to say a few words to those now assembled.

Mrs. Fenwick said that it gave her great pleasure to come to Bagthorpe Infirmary, where so many of the staff had shown a practical interest in the progress of the organisation of their profession by becoming members of the Society for the State Registration of Nurses, and had thus realised that each must do her part if this great reform for the benefit of the sick, rich and poor, was to be accomplished. In this connection, she would like to refer to the alertness of the school generally, and to repeat the opinion of an eminent physician, who lately spoke to her in London of the admirable manner in which the Bagthorpe nurses had passed the examination for the Gynaecological Society's nursing certificates. This was a great compliment to teachers and pupils alike, and she congratulated those who had won the certificates on the credit they had reflected upon their school.

Mrs. Fenwick said, as so many present had taken part in the previous meeting, she would make her remarks on this occasion as practical as possible, and discuss some of the most important and controversial clauses of the Bill, which was introduced into Parliament last session by Dr. Langdon-Baron, M.P.

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