

of nineteen, spent sixty years in the care of nervous, insane, and epileptic patients, and by her devotion and calm, gentle serenity won the love and gratitude of her patients and the respect of the medical staff. Also, we know from the records of Miss Nightingale's life that in visiting French hospitals she found the Sisters admirable housekeepers and administrators, devoted to their work as they saw it and possessing many gracious nursing arts.

It is pleasant to know that Mademoiselle Bottard's life of service has been recognized. In 1891, the fiftieth anniversary of her hospital work, a meeting in her honour was held in the Salpêtrière Hospital, where she lived, at which medical and civic authorities vied to do her honour. Eulogies were pronounced and she was decorated with several medals and orders. The director of the hospital read a poem, which he had himself composed, doing honour to her venerable and noble personality, and the French Academy has recently given her a prize of 3,000 francs in recognition of her lifelong devotion.

Nevertheless, in spite of admirable exceptions, French nursing was on a low plane. An English physician, writing in 1888 to the *British Medical Journal*, makes comment as follows:—

"The nuns who had charge of the Paris hospitals were never nurses in the sense in which that title is now everywhere understood and in the sense in which it has so long been interpreted in England. They were ward managers, housekeepers, kind and often affectionate superintendents. . . . But of the actual duties of nursing and surgical dressings they had rarely even an elementary notion; they were not instructed in them, nor did they pay the slightest efficient attention to the way in which they were carried out by the ward attendants. These latter were very frequently unskilled and of a very low order of morality and intelligence. . . . The nursing of the Paris hospitals in past days was, in fact, a by-word among nations."

### The Hospitals in Luck.

The hospitals are in luck this week. The residue of the estate of Mrs. George Mary Hames, the wife of Mr. George Henry Hames, F.R.C.S., late of 113, Sloane Street, S.W., who died on May 26th, which is likely to exceed £50,000, has been left to King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, after the death of her husband.

By his will dated April 26th, 1905, the late Sir John Willox, after leaving the main portion of his estate under trustees to Miss Willox, disposes of the balance of his estate in the following manner:—Liverpool Sanatorium for Consumption, £10,000; Newspaper Press Fund, £10,000; Liverpool Royal Infirmary, £10,000; Royal Southern Hospital, £10,000; Liverpool Bluecoat Hospital, £10,000; Stanley Hospital, Liverpool, £10,000.

### Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses.

Her Majesty Queen Alexandra has been graciously pleased to appoint the following as Queen's Nurses, to date July 1st, 1905:—

*England.*—Caroline Millward Coaling, Marion Frazer Cotts, Minnie Matilda Tomanzie, Mary Walthew, Mary Louisa Catherine Browne, Jane Priscilla Kearton, Emily Frances Twist Watham, Mary Barker, Emily Georgina Barnes, Edith Eleanor Biggs, Dorothy Frances Bracewell, Gertrude Mary Myddelton Evans, Louisa Clara Harding, Edith Plumbly, Mary Creighton Reid, Hannah Emily Abbott, Kate Beck, Florence Elizabeth Knight, Clara Louise Naunton, Gertrude Alice Sears, Elizabeth Drewry, Elizabeth Alice Till, Edith Anne Todd, Matilda Weldon, Marion Bradlock Berrett, Jessica Cato, Edith Maud Morris, Ethel Gwenllyan Williams, Alexandrica Grant, Alexina Cowee, Lizzie Ann Dow, Priscilla Parker, Maude Cowell, Janet Elizabeth Mundy, Edith Margaret Jane Bowers, Christine Stuart Craik, Edith Florence Horne, Annie Elizabeth Willings Mountain, Charlotte Wray, Margaret Emma Brown, Constance Evelyn Salmon, Florence Cornwall, Katherine Amelia Dolby, Mary Bird Galloway, Jessie Bruce Kennedy, Eliza Wright, Mary Bradbury, Catherine Gill, Fanny Hill, Louisa Elizabeth Hyland, Ethel Ward Blackler, Gertrude Bayley, Margaret Frances Naylor, Alice Jessie Gibson, Eliza Petty, Clarinda Catherine Tymms, Charlotte Barbara Stanford, Agnes Cairns, Janet Watson, Julia McGrath, Minnie Dixon, Gertrude Patty Young, Ethel Mary Jones, Mabel Winifred Shingleton, Eileen Elizabeth Smith, Bertha Taylor, Annie Cook, Eliza Cooke, Jessie Ellen Pallant, Jean Eliza Key.

*Wales.*—Deborah Walmsley, Margaret Elizabeth Cole, Elizabeth Baister Sprintall, Harriet Matilda Amelia Batty, Dorothy Mary Burbidge, Ellen Jane Davies, Margaret Anne Jones, Eliza Dean, Kate Louise Stuart, Edith Isabella Townsend, Frances Ellen Buckingham, Annie Phillips.

*Scotland.*—Isabella Campbell Bell, Barbara Chesney, Roberta Temple Cooper, Susan Morrison Cresser, Amy Frederika Frost, Clara Asenath Jackson, Helen Leed, Wilhelmina McKinnell, Jane Anna Maclauchlan, Mary Anderson Murray, Mary Duncan Owen, Catherine MacLean Rankin, Selina Leslie Stewart, Isabella Truesdale, Janet Tulloch, Lucy Margaret Kyle MacCulloch, Margaret Edgar Cochrane, Elsie Mackay, Jessie Melville, Barbara Jackson Wilson.

*Ireland.*—Catherine Emma Brady, Madeline Ka'e Cogle, Margaret Comerford, Alice Doyle, Marian Loughrey, Lucy McCotter, Isabella Monahan, Charlotte Anne Baxter, Frances Isabel Corneille, Annie Lucy Dowling, Grace Hardy.

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