

in an interesting article, to which we hope to allude on a future occasion. We may mention, however, that the principle suggestion of the article—that of a College of Nursing—is not a new one, having been publicly made as long ago as the International Congress of Nurses at Buffalo, U.S.A., in 1901.

Miss Richmond has been inundated with letters from Matrons and nurses, whose interest in the new Hospital for Women, Birmingham, was aroused through the article in this journal. We are glad of it, as the hospital is a model for its size, and good things should be shared with others for the benefit of all.

Mr. John F. Obree, J.P., of Southampton, as a thank-offering for partial recovery from a long and severe illness, has made many munificent donations to local charities. The Royal South Hants Hospital gets £1,000, and the Jubilee Nurses' Institution £100, so that others may also benefit by skilled medical and nursing treatment.

The resignation of Miss B. A. Hope from the position of Matron of the Dulwich House Convalescent Home at Cardiff is much regretted by the nursing staff, by whom she was much beloved.

Next week we shall publish an interesting paper of reminiscences of "Probation Days in the Early Eighties" in Ireland. Nothing proves the progress made in the management of our nursing schools more conclusively than these reports of the condition of things "when we were young." They make us feel proud of all the devoted work of the pioneers.

The risk to which trained nurses are subjected in the discharge of their duty was exemplified at the Mater Misericordia Hospital, Dublin, on Sunday, when at three o'clock in the morning a patient, a young and powerful labourer, jumped out of bed in a wild frenzy, shrieking loudly and brandishing a clasp knife to the terror of the other patients. He then made a sudden spring at the nurse, Miss Patterson, and stabbed her twice in the side. Assistance was speedily at hand, Dr. Devane and Mr. Callaghan, a student, closing with the madman, who then seemed determined on self-destruction, and before he was disarmed both doctor and student were injured. It is satisfactory to know that, though the nurse's injuries were of a serious character, she is progressing favourably. The patient, who had only been in the hospital about a week, having been

admitted for a slight bodily ailment, has been removed to the Richmond Lunatic Asylum.

We learn that Miss L. L. Dock is going to help Miss Nutting, of Baltimore, with the almost overwhelming work of compiling a reliable History of Nursing, and we venture to believe that just here comes in the use of international relations. We would suggest that the nurses in each country should, through a central committee, forward to Miss Dock, the Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, reliable information on the history of the nursing movement in their own country, with printed documents referring to the same. By this means a true, exhaustive, and accurate history could be written, which would be of infinite value to the profession and the community at large.

From the address of Miss M. A. Nutting to the 1905 Graduating Class at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, we quote the following satisfactory statement:—

"It has been our privilege to inaugurate here some of the most far-reaching changes that have been made in the education of nurses, and we like to think that in so doing we have made the path easier and safer for others. When four years ago we opened up here a course of preparatory instruction in an effort to improve our system and methods of teaching, we could hardly have imagined that by this date we should find such instruction being given in some form in or in connection with, thirty-five training schools, of our largest and most representative hospitals. The successful results from every standpoint of establishing this preliminary instruction within training schools shows plainly, in our opinion, the next step in nursing education. It is pleasant to be able to tell you that during the year we have received a bequest of 4,000 dols. from Mrs. Annie M. Gill, with the stipulation that the annual income from this sum should be devoted to something which would be of benefit to the nurses of the school. It has been decided to apply this to the maintenance of the library, and we have thus our first beginnings of an endowment for a suitable library."

News comes from Miss Clara Butler, the late Matron of the Samaritan Free Hospital, of her safe arrival in the Transvaal—on a lengthy visit. All seems smiling as a summer's day.

We would draw the attention of Matrons of hospitals to the fact, that all the accredited representatives of this Journal introduce themselves with official printed cards, and no other persons are empowered to ask for information upon our behalf.

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