

nity wards and annexes at Kensington are admirably arranged, in a self-contained pavilion, and afford excellent training ground in midwifery, which is wisely reserved in the case of outside pupils for nurses holding a three years' certificate of training.

A correspondent writes:—

"Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise" is not always an applicable adage. We, members of the Nurses' Lodge, were all negatively blissful about Syria, until Miss Wortabet "enlightened our understanding" in a most interesting lecture at our Social Meeting, which, like the last, was very well attended.

Miss Wortabet, who showed from the onset, that she was mistress of her subject, briefly outlined the history of Syria prior to 1860, when the terrible massacre of the Christian population took place; then she led us on in the sequence of events through the following 47 years, up to the present day. She spoke in a clear, concise manner, of the different aspects of the country, namely: the Government, the politics, the religions, and the various races which the population comprises; and last, but not least, how she had organised a Hospital and trained Syrian girls as nurses, on British lines, in the face of great difficulties and opposition.

The British Nurse, like Pears' soap, is to be found everywhere; but Syria is an untrodden path to most nurses, so the interest of the audience was proportionately great; and when we rose, one nurse present was forcibly reminded of that advertisement of Bovril, where a sorrowful looking ox, with tears in his eyes, says to another, "I hear they want more!" And the Lecturer kindly promised to entertain us again on the same subject in the near future.

This notice will recall to the minds of many readers the interesting, descriptive articles, written by Miss Wortabet upon nursing in Syria, which were published in this journal some months ago.

This is merely the commencement of a series of entertainments, which it is proposed to hold at the Nurses' Lodge weekly or fortnightly.

The recent issue of the *Journal of the Royal South Hants Nurses' League*, which is always a brightly written publication, is well up to its usual standard. Amongst the articles Sister Rae contributes "An Experience during the late War"; Sister Sutton, "A Plea for Incurable Work"; Nurse Bunyard, "A Visit to the House of Commons." The editor says some wise things on the subject of State Registration of Nurses.

After considerable discussion it has been decided that the Fakenham Nurses' Home, which has not been paying its way, shall be carried on for the present. It is contended that the deficit is due to the charity nursing done in the past, and to the heavy expenses incurred in training nurses. It is not now proposed to ask for subscriptions or to do charitable nursing. The best hope for the future is that the Home shall be managed on a business basis.

The Lady Mayoress of Newcastle-on-Tyne on Thursday in last week, at a gathering at the Newcastle Workhouse, presented the prizes awarded by the Heath Nursing Trust to the successful probationers at the recent yearly examination, and a certificate to the probationer nurse who had completed her training. Mr. J. Fewster (Chairman of the Hospital Committee) presided, and among those present was the Lord Mayor.

The Lady Mayoress presented the certificates and prizes to the nurses as follows: Completion of three years' training, Nurse Bennett; two years, Nurse Winston 1, Nurse Pope 2, Nurse Quinn 3; first year candidates, Nurse Young 1, Nurse Lake 2, Nurse Sayers 3, Nurse Fitzpatrick 4.

In moving a vote of thanks to the Heath Trustees, the Lord Mayor paid a high compliment to the work of the Superintendent Nurse, Miss Clark, and Mr. J. Lowery, Local Government Board Inspector, said the compliments paid that night to the hospital staff were thoroughly deserved. There was not a more efficient, effective, and better trained staff in any of the hospitals that came under his notice.

Miss M'Alpin, the Hon. Superintendent of the Glasgow Training Home for Nurses, 250, Renfrew Street, has retired from the position after a connection with it of 32 years. It was agreed at the recent annual meeting, in order to put the Home on a more satisfactory footing, to register it under the Companies' Acts, the name to be henceforth the M'Alpin Nursing Home. Miss Jessie Campbell has been appointed as Miss M'Alpin's successor.

The fine Nurses' Home of the Samaritan Hospital, Glasgow, which has been presented by Mrs. Polson as a memorial of her daughter is charmingly furnished. Not merely comfort, rest, and ease are suggested in this home, but art and luxury are represented, and the very least and last detail has been thought out with care, so that few private houses are anything

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