

one of the best training schools in Scotland, and during her short term of office at "Bart.'s" has done great credit to her *Alma Mater*.

Miss Florence M. Calvert, who is leaving the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, has been Lady Superintendent of this interesting old hospital since 1889, during which time she has done much good work under difficulties. The "M. R. I." like so many other of our fine old hospitals, has served its day, its construction is out of date, and the splendid new infirmary now being built at Stanley Grove to accommodate 600 patients will supersede it next year. The position of Lady Superintendent to this institution is therefore one of great importance and responsibility, and no doubt by July 12th, the date by which applications must reach the General Superintendent and Secretary, many candidates will have applied. The salary begins at £150 and allowances.

One has to study the report presented at the recent annual meeting of the Royal Derbyshire Nursing Association to realise the enormous amount of work accomplished by the Lady Superintendent, Miss Matilda Atthill, and the nursing staff, and we are pleased to see that they are given full credit for their labours. Both private and district nurses have been kept fully employed, and the Nightingale Nursing Home has proved an inestimable blessing to many. The wards have been well occupied during the year. Special mention must be made in this connection of the untiring devotion of Sister Matilda Atthill, who, in addition to her work as district superintendent, has had the Superintendence of the Nightingale Home, and to whose ceaseless energy the great success of this department is largely due. The financial position of the association is entirely satisfactory from an auditor's point of view, but with so much work accomplished for the sick poor, the Board consider a larger response from the public by way of subscriptions and donations might reasonably be expected. In the borough of Derby alone more district nurses might very profitably be employed, but this work cannot be extended except by the increased subscriptions of the public.

As in many other hospitals the increased work at the Worcester Infirmary is proving more than the present nursing staff can be expected to perform. Recently an additional Sister has been added to the staff, but we learn that the nursing staff requires considerable increase. One difficulty is lack of accommodation for more nurses, but this is a difficulty which should be overcome.

Many of our readers will be glad to know that Miss M. N. Cureton, who, for so many years, was Matron of Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and her sister, receive paying guests into their Home at Bournemouth, at Sunbeam, 86, Richmond Park Road. The Home is in the highest and most bracing part of Bournemouth, close to the country, pine woods, and excellent golf links. Guests are received at the rate of two and a half guineas a week, invalids three guineas, and nurses accompanying them thirty shillings, while nurses alone are received for twenty-five shillings. Visitors may be assured that under Miss Cureton's management everything will be done to make their visit delightful. The Home is about five minutes walk from the Church, a Post Office, and trams to all parts.

It is sad to think that soon the nursing profession will no longer count Miss Spencer, of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, or Mrs. Strong, of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, amongst its active workers, both ladies having resigned their responsible positions as heads of the two largest training schools in Scotland after a quarter of a century's work. Their retirement will be a great loss, but we do not doubt that they will both continue to take a keen personal interest in the profession to which they have both given such devoted and invaluable service for so many years.

We are glad to learn that the suggestion made recently by a nurse in Edinburgh that a Club for Nurses should be started in the Scottish metropolis is being received with favour. Scottish nurses have no form of organisation at present, nor social centre, and such a club would, we feel sure, add to the happiness of nurses in Edinburgh. No doubt the Matrons will help to give the idea practical shape. Future arrangements and the progress of the scheme will be announced in this paper. All enquiries should be addressed to "Nurse," 16, Leven Terrace, Edinburgh.

We are informed that Portobello House Home Hospital in Dublin, which, under the management of Miss Hampson, was so successful, has been acquired by a syndicate of medical men. In America many medical men have their own paying hospitals, but in England medical etiquette in regard to the patient has hitherto prevented such relations. The experiment in Dublin will be watched with interest.

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