

thus setting an example to other Training Schools.

The Report of the Local Government Board, as a result of the enquiry conducted into the management of the Chelsea Infirmary, has now been issued, and is, we understand, of a satisfactory nature. We hope to refer to it further in our next issue, when it will have been considered in detail by the Guardians.

The Annual Report of the Community of "The Nursing Sisters of St. John the Divine" is always most interesting, and shows that the activities of the Community are many. We regret that it has to report a great need of funds in order to support its various works. It is interesting to note that the various forms of contagious disorders which formerly came frequently under the care of the District Nurses, are, owing to a better system of sanitation and notification, diminishing in number, and the more virulent forms, such as typhus, are almost eradicated in such districts as Poplar and Deptford. This satisfactory result has been largely helped by the efforts of the District Nurses and Sisters, and their steady efforts to urge upon the people the necessity of keeping their homes in a better state, in spite of the overcrowding, which, owing to the high rents charged, even for the poor rooms they occupy, seems inevitable.

Miss Joan Stanton, writing on "Hospital Abuse" in the *Daily Chronicle*, says: "On glancing through this article it seems that I have approached a grumble at the treatment of out-patients. The nurses and porters are often unnecessarily harsh, but the doctors and students, in spite of their haste, are invariably kind and as considerate as is possible in the circumstances." Our experience of hospital porters is that they are most polite and kindly, but there is no doubt that the tone of a hospital and its standard of management can be gauged at once by the manners of those at its outposts.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19th and 20th, a Bazaar in aid of the Zenana Bible and Medical Mission, the London Young Women's Christian Association, and St. John's Training School, will be held at Morley Hall, 26, George Street, Hanover Square, W. The Zenana Bible and Medical Mission supports six hospitals and dispensaries for women, twelve fully qualified lady doctors, and fifty nurses, besides Zenana visitors and other workers, and is worthy of all support. The Bazaar opens at 3 p.m. each day, admission 2s. 6d. the first

afternoon, and 1s. the second; 6d. the first evening and 3d. the second.

The annual meeting of the Norfolk Nursing Federation was held last Thursday in Wymondham Town Hall, and subsequently a nurses' home for the accommodation of the nurses of the Federation was formally opened by Mrs. Arthur Coke, to whom the Matron, Mrs. Ager, presented a bouquet on behalf of the nurses. The home is established in the house formerly occupied by the late Mr. George Lane in Wymondham, and affords accommodation for seven or eight nurses, which is as many as are likely to need to be in residence at any one time, although the whole staff comprises twenty-nine.

The Norfolk Nursing Federation was founded to provide cottage nurses and midwives in the rural districts, an object which is most excellent, if only the standard of training and efficiency were adequate. We must continue to deprecate a woman being termed a trained nurse who has but a few months' experience in such responsible work, and the muddling up nurses and midwives is most injurious to both. Certified midwives should take their stand on their own qualification, and not work under the assumed title of "skilled and trained nurse." This system is, however, the fault of the lay Committee, who apparently do not know the difference between the two.

The Mayor of St. Helen's, who presided at the thirty-fifth annual meeting of the St. Helen's Hospital, stated that the great benefit that the hospital conferred on the working men of the town was the result of the generous way in which the people themselves contributed, and the patients and members of the Committee were all grateful to Miss Oates, the Matron, and her staff for the splendid work they did.

The Scottish National Exhibition which, as our readers are aware, includes a well organised Nursing Section, was opened on May 1st by Prince Arthur of Connaught. It will, no doubt, be visited by many nurses in the next few months, as an exhibit of this kind is always most interesting and instructive.

At the annual general meeting of the Singapore Nursing Association, Lady Evelyn Young was elected President, Dr. Freer, Hon. Secretary, and Mr. R. L. Leigh-Clare Hon. Treasurer. The feeling was expressed that the work of the Association was not sufficiently well known, and that the benefits derived from the services of the nurses were not sufficiently realised and enjoyed.

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