

were mainly to bring the Matrons together to discuss many of the important questions relating to hospital administration, and also to promote friendship. Questions with regard to staffing, administration, and the relationship of trained nurses and probationers, as well as other administration difficulties were also dealt with. Afterwards the visitors were entertained by Mr. Ford.

The Annual Meeting of the Sussex County Nursing Association, at which Mr. A. Weekes, J.P., presided, was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, last week. The report showed that the medical inspection of school children had been begun in East Sussex, and that the medical inspectors appointed by the Education Committee had availed themselves of the services of Miss Gibson and the local nurses, but hitherto no provision had been made in the county for their remuneration. The provisional appointment of Miss Gibson as County Superintendent had been confirmed. A memorandum was appended to the Report, by Mr. A. Foulerton, County Medical Officer of Health, and School Medical Officer for East Sussex, stating that if the full benefit was to be derived from medical inspection the work of the nurses was most important and valuable. The nurses liked the work and gave their help willingly and efficiently.

The maintenance of an adequate supply of linen is usually a constant anxiety to a Matron, but in those hospitals which are fortunate enough to possess a Ladies' Working Association which undertakes to keep up the supply of linen this anxiety is relieved. One of the most flourishing of these Associations, or Guilds, is that at the Royal United Hospital, Bath, of which Mrs. Handley is President. The gift of linen presented this year by the Guild to the institution was recently on view in the Assembly Rooms, and, in her report, read by Col. Kirkwood, Mrs. Handley said:

To-day we complete the 14th year of the working of this Guild, and with pleasure we present a gift from 392 ladies of 1,181 articles of linen, blankets, counterpanes, etc., for use in the hospital. This Guild provides all linen for the Isolation House, the officers' quarters, and for the nurses' use, and has done so ever since the work was started in the year 1895. The following is the list of work now to be given in:—157 large sheets, 125 cot sheets, 73 pillow cases, 119 hand towels, 81 bath towels, 5 table cloths, 2 dressing gowns, 56 red flannel jackets, 4 cot blankets, 6 cot quilts, 29 night shirts, 51 children's night gowns, 12 night dresses, 2 flannel shirts, 31 quilts, 45 dusters, 134 kitchen cloths, 59 toilet covers, 25 kitchen table cloths, 71 glass cloths, 21 dinner cloths, 9 tray cloths, 12 pairs of slippers, 52 blankets, and 20½ yards of damask, which totals 1,181, besides 20½ yards of damask for

table cloths. It only remains for me to thank all those who have so kindly co-operated in the work, especially I wish to thank the Matron in the Hospital (Miss S. E. Polden) for her unceasing help; it is to her I feel the success of this Guild is much due. With pleasure I hand over to the President and Committee of the Royal United Hospital this gift of work for the use of the patients and staff in the institution from "The Ladies' Working Association."

The Chairman of the Hospital Committee, Mr. P. K. Stothert, warmly thanked Mrs. Handley and those associated with her for their valuable gift.

A similar association, of which Miss Wilkin is President, is connected with the Royal Victoria Hospital, Bournemouth, and it recently presented 2,087 articles to the hospital as a result of the year's work.

There has just been erected in the cemetery at Dollar a memorial stone over the grave of the late Miss Spencer, late Lady Superintendent of Nurses at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. The monument, which is of white Scotch granite, stands 8 feet 10 inches high, and takes the form of a beautifully carved Celtic cross, bearing the following inscription: "Frances Elizabeth Spencer, daughter of the late Alexander Spencer, of Dublin, and of Elizabeth his wife. For 10 years Assistant and for 20 years Lady Superintendent of Nurses in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. Born 2nd February, 1843. Entered into rest 15th April, 1908. 'Accepted in the Beloved.' In loving remembrance this monument has been erected by her nurses, fellow-workers, and friends." As testifying to the respect in which the deceased lady was held by all who knew her it may be mentioned that although no appeal for subscriptions was made beyond a simple paragraph in one or two of the nursing and local papers intimating that such a project was on foot, contributions were received from former nurses, not only from all parts of the United Kingdom, but from Norway, Holland, France, Spain, Italy, Turkey, Palestine, New Zealand, India, and America.

The Lady Mayoress of Belfast, Lady Anderson, when opening a Sale of Work on behalf of the Belfast Maternity Hospital last week, said there was one thing in connection with the hospital she did not think was at all known as it ought to be—that was the extern nurse there was in connection with it. She hoped this year the sale of work would realise at least £100 extra, so that the fund could be used for providing another nurse, whose time, she was sure, could be fully occupied in extern work.

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