

that Miss McBride, a member of the staff, who has recently been suffering from enteric fever, has now recovered.

Dr. Gore, Bishop of Birmingham, when dedicating the new chapel recently added to the Queen's Hospital in that city, said that no one could help noting that when our Lord came near to sickness, misery, and degradation of every sort, He met it with a feeling of resentment as an intrusion of Satan's kingdom into that of His Father. That feeling we had largely lost, and we had come to acquiesce in the presence of these things instead of enlisting every power to resist them. Surgical and nursing help was one such power; the vast increase of skill in this direction was one of the best gifts of God to man at the present day. "I ought especially to feel this," said the Bishop, "seeing that I have this year been cured of what thirty years ago would have been a fatal ailment by an operation which is now one of the ordinary methods of surgical science." He added that we must not ignore the influence of the mind over the body, an influence that science had come more generally to recognise. Further, we must fight against those social mistakes of our time, sweating, over-crowding, improper care of infants, which brought so much illness in their train. Nor, lastly, must we forget the great power of prayer.

Speaking at a meeting at Mutley recently, Miss Parkyn, the Superintendent of the Three Towns and District Training Home, emphasised the fact that the nursing staff consisted of Queen's nurses, *i.e.*, those who were certificated by the Queen's Institute for Nurses, founded at the time of Queen Victoria's Jubilee. Detailing the duties of the nurses, she said that one of the great objects of the Association was not only to nurse the poor, but to raise their standard of living, and to teach them to be clean and tidy. Incidentally the speaker mentioned that despite her experience in other parts of the country she had never seen such an appalling amount of poverty as she had encountered in the Three Towns. Although they did not dispense charity, if a patient needed nourishment the nurse would report the case to the Committee, who authorised her to give the necessary relief. She laid special stress on the training of nurses in the villages, particularly in the duties of midwifery. She could not imagine anything that had done so much for the good of the country as the Midwives' Act, which had prevented much loss of life amongst women from puerperal fever, and greatly

diminished blindness among infants. There was great scope in the Three Towns for the Association, many thousands of people not having yet heard of it.

Mr. Walter Runciman, M.P., in opening on Saturday a Queen Victoria District Nursing Home at Liverpool, provided by Mr. A. Williamson, M.P., emphasised the necessity of nursing work being carried out in schools along with the medical inspection which now formed part of the duties of the local education authorities. He declared that little good could come of medical inspection if the defects from which the children suffered were merely pointed out. In commending the service which was already being rendered by the Liverpool Queen Victoria Nurses in schools he said it was an advantage that the nurses got into the homes as well as the schools, thereby helping in the education of the parents, which was often of more importance than the education of the children.

At the seventh Annual Meeting of the Queen's Jubilee Nurses' Needlework Guild at Cardiff, at which Lady Ninian Stewart presided, Miss L. M. Morgan (the Superintendent of the Cardiff Branch of the Q.V.J.I.) said that during the past year the nurses had paid more visits than ever before, and had it not been for the Guild the clothing cupboard would have been bare. They had been able to keep old couples from being parted and going to the Workhouse, and had kept homes together and hearts united by their work. They had now 17 nurses, and included in their area Llandaff and Whitchurch. The work was partly educational, and everywhere people said they could never get on without the nurses. Cardiff had its faults, but the poor of Cardiff were the most grateful she had ever met.

We regret to learn from the Journal of the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League that Miss A. Sellar has been obliged to resign her position as Theatre Sister at the Infirmary on account of ill-health. She was granted some months' leave of absence in the spring in the hope that after a long rest she would be able to continue her work. She returned in August, but the medical staff do not think it wise for her to stay in Leicester for the winter, and it is possible she may take a long voyage for the sake of her health. She has been Theatre Sister for six years, and will be greatly missed. She has been succeeded by Miss Haslam, who acted as temporary Theatre Sister during her absence.

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