

To return to the new roof. Step up; what a magnificent coign of vantage! Clustered around on hill and hollow, the fine red city, the silver streak of Trent in its green, green valley, Clifton Grove, Wollaton's square towers, Colwick Rise, and, away beyond suburbs and meadows, on a range of hills to the south, crowning its "lordly terraces," stands Belvoir Castle. An extensive and exquisite bit of typical midland England—the red, green, golden merry England of Robin Hood! And be it known that, from the many windows of the upper circular wards—than which there are none finer in any hospital—the patients can turn on their pillows and enjoy much of the beauty of this scene. Never doubt it, metropolitan nurse, county hospitals have their charms.

Miss Florence Nightingale's "Notes on Nursing" must always remain a classic. They are full of wisdom, and every nurse should make a point of studying them and assimilating them. Of late years this has not been easy as former editions have become difficult to secure. We are glad to say that Messrs. Harrison and Sons, 45, Pall Mall, S.W., have now brought out a new edition, which, at the published price of 1s. 6d., is within reach of everyone. It is significant of the genius of the writer that in the opening chapter, penned many years ago, we find discussed questions which are now attracting so much attention—infant mortality, the hygiene of persons and places, the gospel of fresh air, preached at a time when open windows were considered most prejudicial to the welfare of the sick, and sanitation in schools. The principles laid down in their consideration are those which will hold good for all time. The chapter on the "Health of Houses" is one which district nurses especially should make their own.

A very interesting article on "Enthusiasm," signed "Jeanne Labat," appears in the current issue of *La Garde-Malade Hospitalière*. The writer says, in connection with the watchwords which have been given to the International Council of Nurses to work under during each quinquennial period, that it is a very beautiful thought that a group of women should come together from such different countries to choose a word which for five years shall be an invisible bond between them, and which they can invoke as a help and protection in times of difficulty.

On Monday at a meeting of the General Committee of the Walsall and District Hospital, the Chairman, Mr. F. J. Cotterell, made

a statement concerning "a very unfortunate occurrence" at the hospital. On April 23rd, Dr. Thompson, the late house surgeon, informed him that he had a complaint to make against one of the Sisters. He asked the doctor to put his complaint in writing, when it would be considered by the executive committee. This was done, and the following day a letter, also addressed to the executive committee, was received, signed by a number of probationer nurses, making a complaint against the same Sister. The two letters were considered at a meeting of the committee on April 29th, when a sub-committee was appointed to go fully into the matter with power to act on the decision arrived at. The sub-committee were unanimously of opinion that there was not sufficient ground to justify them in calling for the resignation of the Sister, which was what the house surgeon and the seven probationers admittedly desired. When they were acquainted with the committee's decision, they left the hospital the next day without sending in any resignations.

Whatever the cause of complaint, nothing can justify such an action, and there is no reason to regret the departure of members of the staff of the hospital who can act in such a manner. The general committee passed a resolution accepting the Chairman's statement as satisfactory, and expressing confidence in the executive.

The Matrons, Sisters, and nurses who have enrolled for the third and fourth Scottish General Hospitals in the Territorial Force Nursing Service were present in the Banqueting Hall, City Chambers, Glasgow, on Monday, on the invitation of Lord Provost A. M'Innes Shaw and Mrs. M'Innes Shaw, and received their badges. The staffs consist of about 250 nurses, of whom over 150 attended. The Lord Provost presided, and expressed on behalf of the Territorial Association and all interested in the Territorial Army their sense of indebtedness to the Matrons, Sisters, and Nurses who in such a public spirited and spontaneous manner had come forward and offered their services in connection with one of the most important departments of our military organisation. Mrs. M'Innes Shaw distributed the badges, and, on the motion of Sir Hector Cameron was accorded a vote of thanks for so doing. Sir George T. Beatson moved a vote of thanks to the Organising Matrons, Sisters, and Nurses of the Third and Fourth General Hospitals, and described the hospital organisation. After a vote of thanks had been accorded to the Lord Provost, afternoon tea was served.

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