

The late Marquis of Ripon left by will £100 to Miss Mary Elizabeth Weaver, his certificated nurse, who is a member of the London Association of Nurses.

In laying the foundation stone of the new Nurses' Home at the City of London's Asylum at Stone, the Lord Mayor said the Committee greatly appreciated the devoted services of the nursing staff. The Home will accommodate 37 nurses, and considering there was a surplus income at the institution last year from the paying patients of no less than £8,539, it is time to raise the by no means excessive salaries of the nursing staff, whose work so largely conduces to this handsome profit.

The distribution of medals to the nurses at the Royal Infirmary, Bradford, on Friday in last week was made the occasion of an interesting gathering of the friends of the institution and the out-patient hall, where the ceremony took place, presented a gay scene. In the absence of the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. J. A. Godwin handed the gold medal in the senior class to Nurse Dowson, and the silver medal in the junior class to Nurse Morgan.

Dr. Dunlop read the report of the examiners, which showed that the winner of the gold medal in the senior classes, Nurse Dowson, had received 86 per cent. of marks, and the winner of the silver medal in the junior classes Nurse Morgan, had 76 per cent. of marks. Fourteen nurses had won certificates in the cookery classes, these being Nurses Ball, Dowson, Tull, Benson, Podmore, Walker, Woodhouse, Crowe, Morgan, Thompson, Laing, Sutton, Pickersgill, and Manning.

Dr. Alexander, in moving a vote of thanks to the lecturers and examiners, spoke of the special qualities required in a nurse, and of the very great importance of her work. In a pertinent reference to the work of Florence Nightingale, Dr. Alexander said it might interest those present to hear that Miss Nightingale, who was now in her ninetieth year, was still in good health. He had recently received a letter from her secretary to that effect.

Miss Hodges, the Matron, is to be congratulated upon the high standing of the nursing school over which she presides.

A special appeal is being made for subscriptions towards the new building fund in connection with the Sheffield Queen Victoria District Nursing Association.

The request is one which should not lack a ready response. Established in 1903 to undertake gratuitously the work of district nursing among the sick poor of the city, the association

commenced with a staff of four nurses and a Superintendent, but the work has since developed to such an extent that there are now nearly a score of nurses employed.

This growth has rendered the Association's present premises altogether inadequate, while future developments have also to be considered. The Committee of the Sheffield Nurses' Home and Training Institution (having determined to discontinue their work in Sheffield), some time ago intimated their desire to hand over to the Queen Victoria Association the leasehold premises which have for 30 years been occupied as a nursing home and training institution.

These premises, which are subject to a mortgage of £1,000, required considerable alterations and additions to provide suitable accommodation for the Association. The work is now being carried out, and the improvements will, when completed, give accommodation for 24 nurses.

The estimated cost, exclusive of furnishing, is £2,500. In illustration of the magnitude of the Association's operations, the last report shows that during the twelve months the nurses attended 1,601 cases, paying altogether no fewer than 41,852 visits.

At the annual meeting of subscribers to the Alexandra Hospital, Woodhall Spa, the Committee offered their best thanks to the Matron, Miss A. M. Ellis, and the nursing staff, for their unremitting kindness and attention to the patients, and Dr. Boys, in his report, said "a feature of the patients' reports is their gratitude and thanks to the Matron and staff for their invariable kindness and attention, which makes 'the cure' a pleasant holiday to most of them, and this cannot fail to please the subscribers, for whom this short report has been written."

In Sir A. Perry's Administration Report for 1908, on hospitals and asylums in Ceylon, he shows that the hospitals are being improved. Operating rooms are being brought up to date. New hospitals are under construction at Moratuwa and Maskeliya, and new operating rooms at the General Hospital, Colombo, and at the Lying-in Home. Male and female ward attendants are employed in the hospitals, who work under the direction of the nurses.

The nursing in Ceylon hospitals is not entirely satisfactory. Some of the outstation hospitals have no nurses, while others are under-nursed. The nursing staff consists of 17 European qualified Matrons and Sisters, 35

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