

and formed the opinion that this Convalescent Hospital and Home was a pattern to all institutions of that nature.

Dr. J. Porter, C.B., Medical Director-General in the Royal Navy, in seconding the vote of thanks, said that within ten years, with the present output from the Navy, the nation should have a reserve of 300 or 400 of the very best nurses the country can produce.

After the Duke of Argyll had acknowledged the vote of thanks, a short musical programme was admirably rendered, including a delightful violin solo by Mrs. Patey, and selections by the Band of the Royal Army Medical Corps. Mr. Lewis Waller brought down the house by his recitation of "The Good Ship Camperdown," by Rudyard Kipling, and nothing would satisfy the audience but an encore, to which Mr. Waller most kindly acceded, when he gave "The Portrait," by Owen Meredith, with subtle distinction and pathos. The guests were then hospitably entertained at a charming tea.

The nursing staff of St. Bartholomew's Hospital now have the privilege of using the Rifle Range weekly, their only expense being ammunition, for which they pay at the rate of 3d. for eight shots. Great is the emulation as to who shall hit the bull's eye, and the nurses find it is not an easy feat to achieve.

A prize of £6 for the best essay on a subject decided upon by the Matron is to be competed for every two years by the certificated nurses in the Hospital. The prize is derived from the interest on a gift of £100 by a generous Governor. The subject this year was "The Training of a Nurse," and the fortunate winner of the prize is Nurse Frere, to whom we offer our hearty congratulations.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses' League, the following nurses holding the certificate of the hospital were elected to membership: Miss J. J. Comyns Berkeley, Miss L. Biot, Miss L. A. Bourner, Miss E. Bryant, Miss M. Crown, Miss E. G. Clowes, Miss A. M. Davies, Miss E. B. Davys, Miss E. M. Deering, Miss D. J. Fisher, Miss P. G. Frere, Miss E. B. Haynes, Miss H. M. Harper, Miss T. Harris, Miss V. Hubbard, Miss E. T. Jay, Miss F. R. Kilner, Miss G. T. Lardner, Miss M. Marsh, Miss J. L. Pollok, Miss M. K. Phillips, Miss A. Rousseau, Miss A. Rhind, Miss K. F. Wilkinson, Miss L. B. Lloyd Williams.

Miss Buckle, the Superintendent of the Queen's Nurses at Brighton, can use a much extended stock of nursing comforts for the sick poor—water beds, and cushions, air pillows, mackintoshes, old linen and flannel, would be gratefully received, wherewith to replenish the exhausted stock of such appliances. Such aids to good nursing are expensive, and would prove welcome Christmas gifts from the rich to the poor in Brighton and Hove.

Birmingham hopes in time to emulate Liverpool, and have district nurses' homes in the four quarters of the city—north, south, east, and west. Last week the Lord Mayor presided on the occasion of the opening of the East Birmingham Branch Home of the District Nursing Society, which supplies three out of the four. It is much to the advantage of all concerned that the nurses should be lodged in comfortable homes near the districts in which they work. Last year the Superintendent and nurses made 94,000 visits amongst the sick poor of Birmingham, from two centres, which demonstrates the enormous area of their ministrations, and the urgent need for extension in other districts.

The nursing of the Highland poor has been under discussion in the Scottish press, and we are glad to note a letter from Miss Amy H. Cameron, the Secretary to Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, Scottish Branch, in which she states:

"In Argyllshire local patriotism has formed a County Nursing Association, affiliated to the Scottish Branch of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, and there are at present twenty-seven fully-trained Queen's Nurses at work in the county. Some districts are able to maintain their nurse without assistance; but the County Association supplements the local efforts of those who are not able to do so without substantial assistance. The Queen's Nurses supplied by the Institute have all a minimum of three years' training in approved hospitals or infirmaries, and every Queen's Nurse trained in the Scottish District Training Home is, by the training received there after her hospital training is completed, fitted to undertake normal midwifery cases in emergency; where, by reason of the very wide area served by the doctors, emergency cases are very likely to occur, she is given special midwifery training before being sent to her district. She is also trained to exert her influence in ameliorating the unhealthy conditions of many homes, and in unobtrusive and acceptable fashion to second the efforts of the public authorities towards the raising of the standard of health. The necessity of a thorough and complete training for the nurses who have the responsibility of working at a distance from the medical man, under whose direction they are, is continually being brought home to us, as they must not only know all they may do, but must also know what they must not attempt.

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