

Nursing Echoes.



At the soirée annually held in connection with the Bangor District Nursing Institute, a resolution expressing deep regret at the death of Miss Hughes of Bryn Menai was passed. Miss Hughes devised her beautiful place to the Queen Victoria Nurses' Institute, together with a handsome legacy, for its maintenance. It was also reported that after ten years' faithful service Nurse Walmsley, owing to failing health, had felt compelled to leave Bangor. As an expression of appreciation of her services, she was presented with a gold watch and chain and an illuminated card containing the names of the subscribers.

A booklet containing "Simple Instructions for the Laying Out of the Dead," intended for the untrained person who may find herself unexpectedly called upon to care for the dead, has been written, and is supplied, by two Queen's Nurses, 40, Onslow Road, Richmond, Surrey, price 1½d. post free. It has a short preface by the Rev. E. F. Russell.

The foundation stone has been laid by the Bishop of Cloyne at Queenstown of a Home for the community of nuns (Bon Secours), who work and nurse amongst the sick poor. Captain W. H. Rushbrook has given £500 and the site for the institution north of the Cathedral.

Two of the nurses of the Order—for they are highly-trained nurses—will be at all times specially reserved for the poor for nursing them in their own homes, in which blessed occupation they will have more than enough to do, but others will be provided for the object if necessary. The Sisters will be at the disposal of the doctors, Catholic and non-Catholic. They will be also at the call of the poor themselves whenever sent for, and the priest or Protestant clergyman who approaches them will find them in readiness to attend any call of Catholic or non-Catholic, and if called to a non-Catholic the Bishop undertakes that they will strictly confine their services to nursing, and will not interfere with the religious convictions of those who are not members of the Catholic Church.

One of the nurses who accompanied Miss Nightingale to the Crimea, Mother St. George

of the Convent of the Faithful Virgin, Norwood, has, the *Daily Telegraph* announces, just celebrated the diamond jubilee of her religious profession. It was in the year 1854 that the War Office appealed to Bishop Grant of Southwark for ten Sisters of Mercy, and as only five could be spared from Bermondsey, he appealed to Norwood for the rest. The Superior immediately volunteered, and the Sisters eagerly desired to be selected. The decision was made on a Saturday, and on the Monday following, October 23rd, 1854, the Sisters started on their memorable journey, crossing from Folkestone to Boulogne, and then embarking from Marseilles in the "Vectis," which Mother St. George recalls was nearly wrecked in the Dardanelles. On their arrival she worked with Miss Nightingale at Scutari, and has the most pleasant memories of her kindness. Only last year on this memorable anniversary Mother St. George wrote to Miss Nightingale and received a gratifying reply.

Besides her work in the Crimea, she has worked in France, the West Indies, and at Folkestone, and has now returned to Norwood to the joy of the children there. On the occasion of her diamond jubilee, Archbishop Bourne called upon her, and the Pope sent congratulations. Two others of the little band of Sisters of Mercy who saw service in the Crimea are Mother Mary Stanilaus and Mother Anastasia, who are both now at the Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth.

We congratulate the Matron and nursing staff of the Essex County Hospital, Colchester, who at one o'clock on Sunday morning promptly dealt with an outbreak of fire in the pathological block. A night nurse gave the alarm to the rest of the staff, and under the direction of the Matron, Miss Bannister, and with the assistance of the dispenser, Miss Cassie, the nurses proved the value of their training in fire drill to such good purpose that before the fire brigade arrived, the fire, owing to their knowledge and good discipline, had been extinguished.

Dr. Anna Hamilton and the Directors of the Maison de Santé Protestante, Bordeaux, are to be congratulated on the very interesting report, which is always a record of progress, just issued for 1909. The Secretary's report refers to the generous gift of Mlle. Bryant, a former pupil and *sous cheftaine*, who, when recalled home for family reasons, made a gift of 20,000 francs, the interest of which is to be used to double the salaries of the two staff nurses. Miss Bryant desired to improve the financial

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