

The new home for the nurses at the Samaritan Free Hospital, Marylebone Road, N.W., which was opened by Viscountess Portman last week, is a great addition to the Hospital, and has been built on the site of some old houses which had served their purpose. The Matron's sitting-room, bedroom and bathroom are in the new building, as well as rooms for twelve nurses and the night Sister. The nurses will still have their meals in the hospital, which communicates directly on the ground floor and the second floor with the new building. The walls throughout are of a pleasant buff colour, the surface being of paripan, the woodwork being painted in a soft shade of green. By an ingenious patent arrangement the windows will either open up and down as an ordinary sash window, or the whole of the bottom half can be opened inwards, admitting the maximum amount of air possible. The staircase and floors are of teak, a most satisfactory wood

to use for such purposes. Probationers are accepted for a two years' term of training—and a very valuable training in women's surgical work it is. At the conclusion of this term the Matron, Miss Tice, usually obtains admission for them to the nursing school of a general hospital. She thinks, however, that after their two years' training it should be possible for them to be accepted as second year probationers by general hospitals, and that more co-operation between the hospitals would be very advantageous for educational purposes.

At the eighteenth annual meeting of the Society for Nursing the Sick Poor of Lurgan, held in the Carnegie Free Library, Lurgan, last week, a most interesting lecture on the history

of district nursing, illustrated by magic lantern slides, was eloquently delivered by Lady Hermione Blackwood. Dr. M. Deeny, J.P., occupied the chair, and there was a large and representative attendance.

Miss M. Crawford, joint hon. secretary, read the Society's annual report, from which it appeared that during the year the district nurse had attended 174 cases and paid 2,480 visits. The Society's balance-sheet showed that the expenditure during the year came to £145, and there was a balance to the good of £161.

In moving a vote of thanks to Lady Hermione, Mr. H. G. MacGeagh, D.L., said that she had inherited in no small degree the gifts of her most distinguished ancestry, amongst whom was reckoned the most brilliant of Irish orators, Brinsley Sheridan, which accounted, to his mind, being a believer in heredity, for the eloquent discourse they had just listened to. The instructive part of her lecture, he felt certain, would be treasured in the minds of



Mlle. Clément.

many present, and would, he hoped, be largely taken advantage of.

By the kind permission of M. André Mesureur we are able to publish the accompanying portrait of Mlle. Clément, the *Surveillante Générale* of the Nursing School of the *Assistance Publique* at Paris, which appears in *La Soignante*, the charmingly produced paper of the certificated nurses of the school. Mlle. Clément contributes to this paper a letter addressed to the former pupils of the school, assuring them that they will always receive a most cordial welcome there. This is followed by two letters, the first addressed by Mlle. Clément to Monsieur G. Mesureur, Director of the General Administration of the *Assistance*

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