

milk for the baby, nourishing food and fresh air for the phthisical, the daily dressing for the mother of a family—how well they sound, beautiful in theory and often impossible in practice. With the hospitals that I visited there is a social service department, to which the doctors refer patients. It is one more triumph of organization, and organization of the most sympathetic kind. Through it the work of curing and relief begun in the hospitals is carried into the homes, and the teaching of prevention is emphasized. It is far beyond our system of almoners. It necessitates a staff of its own and a library of records. Practically it is district work directed from a centre, although it has not that name. But it is probably owing to the development of the social service aspect of hospital nursing that district nursing, properly so called, has become a burning question in New York and elsewhere. Some of my good friends over there will correct me if I am wrong.

It is interesting and instructive to see the careful working out of the scheme of affiliation of hospitals to one large centre, such as, for instance, the Bellevue City Hospital in New York. Not only has the Bellevue three "allied" hospitals—the Harlem, the Fordham, and the Gouverneur—each with its own superintendent of nurses, working under Miss Noyes, the General Superintendent of Training Schools, who resides at the Bellevue; it has also a system whereby certain hospitals in affiliation with it and its "allies" have the privilege of sending a definite number of nurses to work in the wards, thus providing a much-needed exchange of methods and broadening of experience. The gain to the nurse is immense. It gives her experience; it prevents that bogey of training, *stereotypism*; it drafts her into a fresh atmosphere altogether; it lends renewed interest to her training.

Many of the hospitals have also arrangements by which post-graduate nurses—*i.e.*, nurses who have passed their examinations and finished their training in their own hospitals—can take up a six months' course in a city hospital, without payment of fees, but receiving a small salary intended primarily to defray the cost of uniform and books.

Yes, it is a broader outlook that the Training School Committees show when they have got so far as that, and can in their report insist on "the great benefit it is to the Nursing Profession at large to offer the educational advantages afforded by the various branches of service in this great city institution to women whose Home Hospitals provide excellent training, but only in limited directions." Yes, indeed, many is the

time that I found myself sighing to be twenty years younger, and able to take that six months' course of post-graduate work. It positively made me hungry, and almost jealous (in a good hour be it spoken) of my younger sisters, with all their chances and advantages.

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(To be concluded.)

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**Isolation Hospital, Brandon.**—Miss M. Briggs has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Bow Arrow Hospital, Dartford.

### NIGHT SISTER.

**West Kent Hospital, Maidstone.**—Miss J. Munroe Kirkpatrick has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the Northern Hospital, Liverpool, where she subsequently had a year's experience on the private Nursing Staff; followed by six months as Assistant Housekeeper; and two years as Sister of a male accident and surgical ward.

### SISTER.

**The Seaside Convalescent Home, Seaford, Sussex.**—Miss M. J. Barker has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and has held the position of Sister in the Royal Naval Nursing Service, serving at the Plymouth, Malta, and Deal Naval Hospitals.

### SCHOOL NURSE.

**Lancashire Education Committee, Preston.**—The following appointments to the position of school nurse have been made by the Lancashire Education Committee:—Miss Jessica Andrew, trained for three years at the Children's Hospital, Bradford, and at the Southport Infirmary for a similar period; Miss Lilian Doig, trained at the Infirmary, Kingston-on-Thames; Miss Isabella Elizabeth Dunlop, trained at the Victoria Hospital, Blackpool; Miss Elizabeth May Lawley, trained at the Manchester Union Infirmary, Crumpsall; and Miss Mary Alice Parkinson, trained at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield.

### LADY VISITOR.

**Burgh of Peterhead.**—Miss Mary M. Cowan, who received her training in connection with 5, Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, has been appointed Lady Visitor. She is an Associate of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

### FOREIGN APPOINTMENT.

**Civil Hospital, Spexzia, Italy.**—Miss Violetta Thurstan has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Children's Hospital, Shadwell, E., and the London Hospital, E., and was afterwards Sister of the Preliminary Training School of the latter institution, and of its Children's Convalescent

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