

Jane Bird, after the two gallant nurses who worked therein day and night in a hotbed of infection at the end of the eighteenth century, with Dr. Haygarth, whose epoch-making experiment in the isolation of infectious fevers was immediately successful, and followed almost universally. An appeal is being made to the ladies of Chester and the neighbourhood to subscribe and complete the renovation of these wards in honour of their sex.

The statement made at a meeting of the Liverpool Chemists' Association that certain nurses are in the habit of demanding secret commissions of chemists for articles purchased on behalf of patients has created a flutter—half of indignation and half of scepticism—among the ladies in charge of nursing institutions in and about Liverpool.

Obviously the allegation is levelled not against nurses in hospitals or infirmaries, but against some few, at all events, of those nurses who attend private patients in their own homes.

It is a very dishonourable custom, and we hope the publicity given to it in the local press may have the effect of preventing it for the future.

Miss Barnes, Superintendent of the District Nurses' Home at Hunslet, Leeds, will for the present act as Secretary of the local Branch of the N.S.U.

The Irish Advisory Committee of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute has decided to write to the Secretaries of District Associations in Ireland to ascertain whether it would be possible to arrange with the managers of National Schools for the inspection of the school children, under the superintendence of the local medical officer, by the Jubilee Nurses.

It is most necessary that such work should be done by thoroughly trained nurses, and Queen's Nurses are the best for the purpose.

At the last monthly meeting of the Irish Nurses' Association 22 new members were elected.

Sisters Haswell and Park, R.N.S., have arrived at their destination—the San Stefano Hospital, near Constantinople—and, with Sisters Warriner and Obee, are busy at work, and in the right spirit all are doing their duty and making light of difficulties. They greatly enjoyed their journey across Europe, and, of course, found the entrance to Constantinople harbour a dream of beauty. It is hoped peace will now soon be announced, and when they return, no doubt the Red Crescent contingent

of Sisters will have much to tell. We are always pleased in these "soft" times to hear of nurses having to overcome discomforts. It is a very wholesome process, and proves their quality!

Miss Orr, upon her arrival at Auckland, appears to have made a decidedly favourable impression on the pressmen. One writes of her in *The New Zealand Mail* :—

The layman's first impression of Miss Orr is distinctly agreeable; while underlying a decided charm of personality is the promise, when the occasion calls, of a quiet decision of character and resoluteness of spirit, often more effective than the aggressive style in filling a position which requires tact as well as firmness.

Miss Orr had already done the rounds of the institution when a pressman called upon her at the nurses' wing, and to the obvious query, she replied with some enthusiasm: "Your hospital here is beautifully situated, and as far as I have been able to see from my first walk round, it is an excellently appointed institution. The wards are very bright and cheerful, the patients all look as happy as one could expect in a hospital, and the place seems to be very well equipped with up-to-date appliances. In fact, speaking from first sight, I honestly think your hospital would compare well with almost any of those I have seen at home. Of course, I have no doubt that I shall find different methods and conditions obtaining here in some respects to those I have been accustomed to, but that is only to be expected, and it is quite possible that the changes I find are due to peculiar local conditions, and suited to them." In answer to another query, Miss Orr expressed herself strongly in favour of a system of registration for nurses. "We have not yet got it at home," she said, "but I am glad to see you have it here, and I shall be registered myself as soon as I have settled down. Under the loose system of non-registration, so many women who have perhaps been discharged after a few months' probation as unfit for nursing are able to pose as qualified nurses. In short, I believe registration is for the benefit of the nursing profession just as much as it is for that of the general public."

PRESENTATION.

Quite a unique occasion was the pleasant little gathering on Tuesday in last week at the house of Dr. Macdonald Brown, where all the doctors of Goole met to do honour to Miss Rosalyn Wright, the Matron at the Goole Sanatorium, who has held the position for eleven years. Miss Wright was presented with an illuminated address and a beautiful antique cut glass scent bottle. Dr. Brown presided and other doctors present were Drs. Erskine, Eardley, Cass and O'Donnell, each of whom spoke in the kindest manner of Miss Wright's able management and skill, and of her devotion to duty.

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