

Owing to the replacing of the nuns only in certain hospitals, those who prefer them to the lay nurses can satisfy their preference, while those who think differently can continue to frequent the lay hospitals.

Whether lay or religious, the question is now largely a question of scientific training in nursing. Ultimately knowledge, and skill, and a high sense of responsibility must decide whether a woman should have care of the sick or not.

It is suggested that when drinking from a cup in a public place one should adopt the habit of drinking left-handed, because when this is done one drinks from the side of the cup that is not generally used. This is a practical suggestion which may be usefully borne in mind.

Sister Katherine Wheatley writes from Constantinople that she is not returning home just yet, as announced. She says:—

"It will interest you to hear that my work is not yet finished. Lady Lowther has asked me to stay out to start the local industries we so successfully established at Broussa, for the British Red Crescent Society, for her widows of soldiers and women refugees who have no men in Scutari, which, of course, includes many from here. I enclose patterns of work made by our women at Broussa. I wish you could get me some orders. All the plain colours, except the cream, are 3d. an arskine, the cream is 2d. All are 18 wide, and it takes 20 arskines to make a dress. Everyone wears the material for summer frocks; it is everlasting and washes well. If not ironed it comes up like crêpe. We also make embroideries of all sorts, patterns of which I hope to bring to England.

This work of finding employment for the women is much needed, it renders them self-supporting and in many cases teaches them a trade. Every penny made goes to the women. Our buildings are large, airy, and light, and they work very happily indeed, besieging us for work. Many bring their babies and sling them across the corner of the room in their hammocks. Each woman is paid for the amount she does, and can earn well from the beginning.

I should be very grateful on behalf of the Society (B.R.C.) for any support you could give us. We look for help from home, by the purchase of material, for the success of our enterprise. We have the sale of a certain amount assured locally."

Sister Wheatley encloses patterns of pretty cotton materials, which we shall be pleased to forward to anyone interested in her good work. Orders can be sent to her direct to the British Post Office, Constantinople.

AN INTERESTING ANNIVERSARY.

Miss Elma Smith, who has been Matron of the Central London Sick Asylum, first at Cleveland Street and afterwards at Hendon for twenty-one years, celebrated this interesting anniversary last week by giving a tea and supper party to the nursing staff, followed by a whist drive and a fancy dress dance.

The nursing staff presented their popular and much-respected Matron with some lovely roses, and, although Miss Smith has made it plain that she does not wish for gifts at Christmas and other festivals, they claimed the right to break this wise rule for once, and presented their Matron with a beautiful writing-case.

The occasion was a specially auspicious one, as it has always been usual at the Central London Sick Asylum to have a tea party after the final examination, and the results were announced on the same day. All the nurses passed, to their great joy and that of their Matron.

Some of the Sisters are leaving, as well as the newly-certificated nurses, so the party served as the occasion for a farewell to them also.

EXAMINATIONS.

The following nurses have passed their final examination at the Central London Sick Asylum, Hendon, the last to be certificated under this title, as the institution has now passed over to the City of Westminster:—Misses Walton, Moon, Robbins, Cowley, Botterill, Gill, Homer, Gratham, E. Thom, Heath, and Barker.

REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The Historical Medical Museum, organised by Mr. Henry S. Wellcome, which is to be opened in London towards the end of June next, will include some objects of exceptional historical medical interest.

An important exhibit in the science section will be a large collection of the original apparatus used by the famous Galvani in making his first experiments in Galvanism in the eighteenth century.

A Nurses' Home has long been urgently needed at the Brighton County Borough Asylum, and it is now decided to erect one at the cost of £4,400. There are fifty-four nurses at the institution, and ten more are required. The home life of nurses in asylums should be made as attractive as possible: the strain of their work is so trying if it is conscientiously done.

Mr. R. Millington Knowles, of Colston Bassett Hall, High Sheriff of the county of Nottingham, who had been asked to contribute evergreens for the Christmas decorations of the wards of the General Hospital, Nottingham, has sent a cheque for £1,000, which he hoped would be of more permanent advantage.

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