

front sitting-room, with a fine photo of Mrs. Innes hanging over the mantelpiece above a clock, which is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. John Innes. At the rear of the building is a combined kitchen and scullery, with white-tiled walls and a red-tiled floor, and there is also a bicycle shed and other storage accommodation.

Prayers were read by the Rev. W. Elwell, and Lady Burrell unveiled the memorial tablet above the doorway, which announces that "This was built in memory of Marjorie Alice Innes, by her friends."

In spite of the hopeful announcement to Parliament by the President of the Local Government Board, that the shortage of nurses is temporary, and is being met—the House Committee of the Peterborough Board of Guardians reported at a recent meeting that they had received no answers to their advertisement for nurses.

The Clerk stated that the cost of advertising and extra help had been £75 during the year.

The fact is the nurses are badly housed and very poorly paid, and in consequence the work has not been efficient. Much better raise salaries and cut down sums wasted in advertising. The patients might then have a chance of comfort and recovery.

It surprised some visitors to the Irish Capital to learn that the majority of Dublin Hospitals charge an entrance and other fees to nurses for training. We are not criticising the wisdom of this system, if by so doing a full supply of the best women can thus be obtained for training. But of recent years many Irish girls have entered hospitals in England and Scotland where no fees are charged. We learn that the Governors of the Richmond, Whitworth and Hardwicke Hospitals in Dublin have now abolished the entrance fee to probationers, thus falling into line with English and Scottish hospitals. We feel sure many Irish girls would rather train in their native land, and will doubtless remain and do so, if no fee is required. The fact is that the supply of the best women by no means meets the demand for probationers throughout the United Kingdom, and everything will have to be done to encourage them to adopt as their profession the nursing of the sick.

We hope there will be a large attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Society for State Registration of Nurses on Friday 18th inst. The Address by Sir Victor Horsley, F.R.S., F.R.C.S., will sure to be to the point.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

THE CRIPPLES' HOSPITAL AND COLLEGE, ALTON.

On Wednesday the 2nd of July, Sir William Treloar, the founder of the Cripples' Hospital and College at Alton, Hants, and his co-trustee, Sir Wm. H. Dunn, received many guests who came down by special train from London, and who under the guidance of Dr. Gauvain, the medical officer, Miss Robertson, the matron, Mr. Salt, the College master, and members of the nursing staff, were shown over the wards in groups.

This remarkably useful institution is bound to be a model upon which others should be founded—and it is the intention of Lord and Lady Aberdeen who were present to organize such a hospital for Ireland. They spent over two hours visiting the wards and other buildings, and evinced the warmest interest in everything they saw, many of the most interesting cases being described by Dr. Gauvain. The plaster cast room, the X-Ray room, the schoolroom, where a number of the children sang action songs, the aviary, the open air school-room in the Alexandra ward, the kitchen, the laundry, and last but by no means least, the College workshop, where the College lads were seen at work making leather goods, were all visited in turn. The Earl of Aberdeen spoke a few words of encouragement to patients, school children, and college lads. The thing that struck the visitor most of all was the happy contentment and even mirth which was to be met with on all sides among the little sufferers, their happy voices and merry laughter bearing evidence alike to the success of the treatment which they are undergoing and to the healthy and comfortable surroundings in which they have been placed.

Sir William Treloar spoke in praise of the clever work of Dr. Gauvain, of the great ability of the Matron, Miss Robertson, and the excellent staff, and said they had been blessed by the assistance and substantial support and encouragement of many people. Queen Alexandra was the President of the Queen Alexandra League to help poor children, and he invited Lady Aberdeen to become a vice-president of it and presented her with the badge of the League, upon which she stated that she would start a branch in Dublin.

Dr. Biggs, the Medical Officer of the Board of Health of New York, expressed his gratitude for being present, and said it was not the first time America had learned something about hospital work from this country. He came there expecting to see a stereotyped form of hospital, but he had found something which was absolutely unlike anything which it had ever been his privilege to see, and one that seemed to be beyond criticism in every respect. He had wondered as he went from place to place which to admire most, the wards, the mechanical treatment, the dormitories, the nursing, the training. Everywhere it seemed to him that it was admirable in every respect.

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