

times. The most famous was that held on the tower of Magdalen College, Oxford, but previous to that the choristers of New College went up the neighbouring hill to greet the sun, and afterwards visited the St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and placed upon the altar a silver coin to be distributed among the poor of the hospital. So that morning they were reviving a very beautiful and expressive ceremony on the roof of their own hospital, and were gathered together to thank God for His innumerable benefits, to relieve and comfort the patients of the hospital, and to guide and direct them in the future.

The shortage of nurses was noted at the recent annual meeting of Kent Nursing Association, and it was reported that a scheme, formulated by the treasurer, had been adopted by the Committee, whereby the nurses' service in the institution should be made more attractive. The commencing salary of the nurses was £36, and rose to a maximum of £44, which, he had been told, compared favourably with that paid by other institutions of the same kind.

During the past year the silver medal for eight years' service had been granted to Nurses Crawford, Piggott, Vanner, and Yeldham, of the Malling Home, and to Nurse Wilson, of the Tunbridge Wells Home; and the bronze medal has been granted to Nurse Cornwell, of the Malling Home, and to Nurses Hollyman and Parsons, of the Tunbridge Wells Home. A bonus has been granted to Nurse Robinson on her retiring from nursing work.

The Committee, on behalf of the subscribers and supporters, congratulated the staff generally on the excellent spirit in which the work of the institution was being done, and recorded their sense of the capable and conscientious way in which Miss Kelly and Miss Mottram continued to perform their duties as lady superintendents.

At a recent meeting of the Breconshire Education Committee, held at Brecon, when the Ven. Archdeacon Beavan was re-elected Chairman, the sub-committee reported that at their meeting on April 20th they received an important deputation from the South Wales Nursing Association, when Lady St. Davids explained the views of the Association with regard to co-operation, prevention of overlapping, and unnecessary expenditure of public money on all varieties of nursing. She hoped the county would consider the appointment of a Queen's Nurse, who would assist in the

formation of district nursing associations where possible, and the oversight of the five village nurses in the county, as their Association would no longer be acting as inspector of midwives for the county.

The Committee adopted the report of the sub-committee recommending the adoption of the modified scheme (for the employment of nurses) presented by the County Medical Officer, with the proviso that one of the whole-time nurses to be appointed should be a Queen's Nurse. The scheme to be put into force for one year only, and to be regarded as experimental.

The Council of the King Edward VII Welsh National Memorial Association has appointed a sub-committee to consider the representations of a deputation from the North and South Wales Nursing Associations, and the Montgomery Branch of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, urging the advisability of closer co-operation between Nursing Associations and the Memorial Association.

Though not universally so, still the shortage of nurses is being felt in Scotland. It was reported at the last meeting of the Poor House Committee of the Aberdeen Parish Council that three of the charge nurses as well as the night superintendent had resigned. It was pointed out that the Parish Council had great difficulty in procuring nurses to staff the Poorhouse, and that this state of matters was prevalent in other cities as well. The reason given was that nurses objected to the nature of the work which fell to them to carry out in such institutions as poorhouses.

We omitted to make clear last week in referring to the inspection of the Cottage Nurses' Training Home at Govan by Dr. Mary A. Pilliet by consent of the L.C.C., that she is a trained nurse as well as a registered medical practitioner, so that she is unusually well fitted to give an expert opinion on the question. Dr. Pilliet has been a Queen's Nurse for upwards of seven years, during three of which she acted as Superintendent, and she has also been Head Sister at Glasgow Royal Maternity Hospital, where, as Head District Midwife, she helped to train many midwives. We alluded to the Training Home in Govan as we are of opinion that all institutions subsidised by State Funds should be compelled to give a thorough training to their pupils, both in theory and practice, and this cannot be done in less than a three years' term of experience.

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