

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robertshaw, of Westfield House, Mytholmroyd, have presented to the local Nursing Association, for use as a nurses' home, a new villa residence known as West Royd, and situate in Cragg Road.

At a meeting of the Irish Advisory Committee of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, the following were unanimously elected members of the Advisory Committee:—Miss Boland and Mr. C. C. Martin. The quarterly report read by the superintendent was very satisfactory—twelve new districts having been formed since the beginning of the year, and three others in the course of formation. The Committee approved of the special lectures instituted by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, and considered the nurses would obtain much advantage from this advanced course, which many of them had expressed their desire to attend.

Two interesting framed coloured prints of Miss Florence Nightingale in Crimean Hospitals, size 30 by 26 inches, are for sale, and application in regard to them should be made to the Manager, BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING Office, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. They are (1) "Works of Mercy," "I was sick, and ye visited me," Therapia Hospital, January 1st, 1855, and (2) "Woman's Mission," "When pain and anguish wring the brow, A ministering Angel thou," from a painting by Henry Barraud, December 6th, 1854. They would be a most interesting addition to the walls of any nurses' library, and can be seen at the above address.

Her many friends will be glad to know that Miss Dock has safely arrived on "the other side."

The annual Convention of the American Nurses' Association at St. Louis was attended by 1,500 members. Miss Jane A. Delano read Miss Nutting's report on the Isabel Hampton Robb Memorial Fund, which has now reached the total of 14,218 dollars (close on £3,000).

The report shows that during the year thirty-seven requests for scholarships were received, many of which were from girls of college training and several who prepared for teachers before entering the training school.

This is most encouraging, and we warmly congratulate American nurses on the practical evidence of their devotion to the memory of the

splendid woman who was during life devoted to their interests heart and soul. Miss Geneviève Cooke, the President, attended, and took an active part in the Convention. In a short year's time, all being well, we shall have the felicity of meeting all our delightful American colleagues in San Francisco, as all the national societies of nurses in the United States will hold their annual meetings there conjointly with the International Council of Nurses.

A trained nurse writes from Turkey:—  
"You will be amused to hear that the Turks are much surprised at our not having what they call a Government certificate, and they can hardly believe that our private hospital certificate is equal to the State Certificate of Germany." The clever little chap in the red fez must go to the top of the class!

A most interesting article on the Brothers of Mercy in Florence, with an illustration of one of the brothers in the well-known black mask and habit, appears in *La Garde-Malade Hospitalière*, written by Dr. Anna Hamilton. The beneficent work of this brotherhood, founded in 1240, is well-known. They are a familiar sight in the streets of Florence, where they remove the sick and wounded to hospital, and render other gratuitous services. The Florentines have a profound affection for their Confraternity, and their lugubrious aspect does not frighten even the children, who from infancy have learnt to love the Brothers of Mercy.

When the Black Brothers carrying a wounded person to the hospital of Santa Maria Nuova consign him to the good offices of the disciples of Florence Nightingale in their white robes and diaphanous veils, the past and the future meet and piously collaborate for the succour of those who suffer.

#### THE "IDEAL SHOE."

Nurses who are needing new footgear should make a point of seeing the "Ideal Shoe" supplied by Messrs. Hall & Sons, Ltd., 60, Bishopsgate Street, E.C. We feel sure that they would be delighted with them and that much trouble would be avoided by their systematic use. The Oxford shoe at 13s. 9d. made in fine glacé kid, is soft and comfortable to wear and has a light, flexible spring under the arch of the foot, giving just that support of which nurses are so much in need. The firm also specializes in appliances for the relief of tender feet, corns, in-growing toenails, and other ailments to which nurses are specially liable.

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