

tary Aid Detachments were thoroughly trained, and their services utilized, as in America.

DISTRICT NURSING.

A meeting of the subscribers to the King Edward memorial fund for the nursing of the sick poor in the town and county of Leicester was recently held at Leicester.

The Executive Committee reported that the balance in the bank to the credit of the accounts was £2,049 5s. 8d., and recommended that this be divided between the county and county borough of Leicester in equal proportions. It was further recommended that the income of the share allotted to the borough be offered to the District Nursing Association on condition that the present nurses' home in New Walk be purchased and called the King Edward Memorial Nurses' Home; and that the income of the county share be paid to the Leicestershire County Nursing Association.

It was pointed out that the District Nursing Association, whilst highly appreciating the suggestion, would prefer to receive something from the fund to help it to purchase the house, or to invest the Leicester share in the form of a mortgage upon the Home. As these suggestions could not be agreed to, the report was adopted. Mr. Bond said that those connected with nursing in the town were deeply grateful to those who had moved in the matter.

A concert and dramatic entertainment in aid of Lady Dudley's scheme for district nurses in the poorest parts of Ireland were held in Molesworth Hall, Dublin, on the 6th inst., and we are glad to hear were splendidly supported, and proved most enjoyable functions. Let us hope a good round sum will be the result, as thoroughly trained nurses alone are considered good enough, and rightly so, for the poorest of peasants under this beneficent scheme.

FROM OVER SEAS.

We note in the Lady Superintendent's (Miss Annie Jackson) annual report to the Directors of the Strangers' Hospital, Rio de Janeiro, that there has only been one change in the nursing staff during the year, which is indeed a proof how much more satisfactory the health of the nurses is than when they ran greater risks from yellow and other fevers. Miss Jackson also reports that it has not been possible to meet all requests for nurses for outside cases, as the work of the Hospital has demanded their services.

So many English nurses long for change of scene in these days that it might be worth while asking Miss Jackson if nurses are needed for private duty work at Rio.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

THE NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE HEART.

With the opening of the new building in Westmoreland Street, W., by His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught, K.G., on Monday last, the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart entered upon another phase of its history.

Established in 1857 in Margaret Street, W., it was removed to Soho Square in 1874, where it has done good work for nearly 40 years, when the Committee were compelled, owing to the great increase in the number of the patients, the unsuitability of the building, and the near approach of the expiration of the lease, to take steps to carry on the work for which they are responsible in an efficient manner.

The new hospital has a frontage on Westmoreland Street; the principal wards, all facing towards the street, are spacious and bright. The electric lights in the centre of the ward are shaded, so that there is no direct glare, but a reflected, diffused light, which must be appreciated by sick people. Besides this, shaded lights are fixed at the heads of the beds.

Besides the main wards, there are two small ones, which can be used for children, or special cases. It is a great advantage, both for the children and for adults, that the children should be in separate wards, as to a patient seriously ill nothing is more trying than the fretfulness of a sick child, and the restlessness of heart cases is well known.

In the sanitary annexes we noticed two small rails, placed evidently with the intention of assisting patients to rise from the seats. They are of doubtful benefit, however, as, in the event of a patient becoming faint, it would be very difficult for a nurse to render effective assistance.

The aluminium bed-pans used at this hospital seem very hygienic. The whole of the top lifts off easily, leaving the pan, to be cleansed, in shape something like a preserving pan. They appear also to be much liked by the patients.

The nurses' quarters are shut off from the main part of the building by sound-proof doors. The staff consists of the Matron, Miss Moffat, trained at the South Devon and Cornwall Hospital, a Night and a Day Sister, a Staff Nurse, and four probationers.

The out-patient department is somewhat below the ground level, and also the dispensary,

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