

### NURSING ECHOES.

The Queen has consented to unveil the memorial bust of Florence Nightingale which has been placed in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Some day this month is to be arranged for the ceremony, and the decision of Her Majesty will be very gratifying to the Nursing Profession as a whole, as they have not yet quite forgiven the authorities for delegating the unveiling of Miss Nightingale's statue in Waterloo Place last year to a couple of workmen!

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Darlington Queen's Nurses' Association was recently held in the Council Chamber. The Mayor presided.

The report, read by Mr. G. R. Tyreman, stated that the Association had just sustained a very great and tragic loss by the death of their president, the late Mrs. Arthur Pease, who was the originator of the scheme for providing trained nurses for the town. When, twenty-four years ago, the Association was modestly started with one trained nurse, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pease undertook to defray the expenses of the experiment. It proved so successful and received so much sympathy and support from the medical profession and others interested in the welfare of the town, that it rapidly expanded to its present important position. The past year had been one of many changes and difficulties. The continued demands made by the war on the services of all trained nurses had made it almost impossible to obtain either candidates or trained nurses for district work, and much of the work had to be carried out by temporary nurses, all thoroughly competent. This had involved a heavy additional expenditure, and they had not been able, in view of their financial position, to keep up a full staff, and four nurses had been employed instead of five as hitherto. The Association had been inspected on behalf of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, who had reported that the work seen was carefully done, and that the Home was in excellent order. During the year the nurses had attended 560 cases, and had made 14,119 visits in connection with them.

The balance-sheet showed a total increase, including £389 7s. 4d., from subscriptions of £658 13s. 11d., and a credit balance of £71 18s. 6d. at the end of last year had been converted to a debit of £3 2s. 8d.

A motion was unanimously adopted deploring the loss to the town sustained by the death of Mrs. Arthur Pease, and Mrs. Arthur Francis Pease was elected president in her place.

The compulsory registration of massage establishments and lying-in homes under the London County Council is now in force, and this legislation has undoubtedly resulted in the closing of many so-called "massage" establishments. About 100 applications for registration have been received, and some two dozen licenses refused. We hope that, for the benefit of the public, and of the proprietors of *bona fide* establishments, a list of those registered will eventually be published.

### THE SCOTTISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

Mrs. Strong, President of the Scottish Nurses' Association, was in the chair at its annual meeting on Thursday, January 27th, held in the Masonic Hall, Glasgow. In her presidential address Mrs. Strong said that there was now a consensus of opinion that there should be one Bill for the registration of trained nurses in the United Kingdom, and the Societies supporting the movement had joined hands in affiliation with the Central Committee for the State Registration of Trained Nurses. At the same time the Scottish Nurses' Association preserved its individuality for the protection of the interests of its members. She also drew attention to the proposal of the Hon. Arthur Stanley, M.P., to establish a Nursing College and promote a scheme for the voluntary organization of nursing under the Board of Trade. Presumably such a College would have London as its headquarters, and she did not think it would meet the needs of the nurses.

Voluntary classes for women who wished to qualify as nurses had been established in Glasgow, in connection with the Royal Infirmary, since 1893, but they had not been taken advantage of except by the nurses of that institution. The State could enforce uniformity through a common curriculum of preparatory education, and by making it unlawful for any hospital to receive pupils for training without a State certificate.

Miss M. Russell Smith, the interim Secretary, reported a balance in the bank of £90 14s. 3d.

The report referred with gratification to the honour accorded to Miss Denton and Miss Ritchie Thompson, both members of the Association, who had been mentioned in dispatches by Lord French.

The adoption of the report was moved by Dr. Elizabeth Gilchrist, who advocated one portal of admission to the Nurses' Register, which could be secured through the agency of a Central Nursing Board.

Dr. McGregor Robertson also spoke on the work of the Association.

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