

discussed. Mr. M'Millan was of opinion that the action of the nurses, who were receiving £35 to £40 a year, "in demanding this increase at the present time, simply because the War Office were paying £50 for the nurses they engaged for the period of the war," was unpatriotic. He thought that if the nurses left because the increase was not granted, they should be replaced by voluntary nurses and probationers. A lady Guardian asked whether the economists would have opposed the increase if the recipients had been men, and pointed out that it was ridiculous to suppose the institution could be run by voluntary and probationer nurses. The amendment to defer the question was lost by a large majority, and the increase of salary granted.

Miss Mary A. Nutt, R.R.C., has been appointed President of the South African Trained Nurses' Association.

MEMORIAL TO MISS KATHARINE MONK.

We are glad to learn that a committee has been formed to raise a memorial to the late Sister Matron of King's College Hospital, Miss Katharine Monk, who served that hospital and the sick devotedly for twenty-one years as senior nursing officer.

Miss Monk became Sister Matron when the charge of the nursing of the hospital was relinquished by the St. John's Sisterhood. She was thus the founder of the Nursing School of King's College Hospital, and inspired its special characteristics.

She was known as one of the most able of the many able women who have been at the head of the nursing departments of the great London hospitals. She gave her time, her health, and her strength ungrudgingly to the service of King's College Hospital; and in particular she devoted all her special knowledge and experience to planning the new buildings at Denmark Hill. Her kindness and her capacity will be remembered by many generations of those who worked with her.

It is felt that there will be many who will be anxious to contribute to some memorial to her, which it is proposed should be erected in the Chapel, and if funds permit, to form an endowment in connection with the Nurses' Home or the Training School for Nurses. Everyone connected with the Hospital during the time that Miss Monk was Matron is asked to contribute, and donations may be sent to the Secretary, Monk Memorial Committee, King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, S.E.

NEW YORK AND ITS BUILDERS.

Everything in New York is large and imposing. The greatest of suspension bridges links the boroughs together. Broadway is the longest street in the world (13 miles). It is claimed that the system of parks is the largest and costliest of any in America or Europe. The office buildings of the business quarters of the city, are—in their gigantic size—among the modern wonders of the world. Chief among these is the Woolworth Building, the greatest achievement in skyscrapers, (and, let me add, in ugliness too!) It rises 793 ft. in the air, and comprises 55 stories! Its dominance and aggressive size seem to suggest the commercial maxim—*business first*. The enormous amount of steel used in the construction of these mammoth edifices has the curious effect of altering the compasses of the ships in the harbour, dislocating their normal action in fact! The statue of Liberty, which is seen for miles out at sea, and serves the purpose of a lighthouse, is built on Bedloe's Island. The beautiful Greek figure of a woman personates Liberty. Mark, it is a woman who personates Liberty, and it is to women in most countries that that elemental right is denied! What an enigma. Symbolism is beautiful when it serves a beautiful and ennobling purpose, but is but a vain thing, if it does not foreshadow the truth that is behind. The figure holds aloft a flaming torch, an emblem of freedom and opportunity. It is lighted after the flash of the sunset gun. It is said that the French sculptor—Augusto Bartholdi—modelled the figure from his mother; she must have been a beautiful mother, and he a reverencing son.

The statue was given by the French, and bears the significant date—July 4th, 1776. It is the largest colossal figure in the world. In New York is also to be seen, it is said, the largest and most beautiful Custom House in the world. The façade of the Stock Exchange is classic in design and also a thing of architectural beauty. Then there is the Sub-Treasury, a branch of the Treasury at Washington. There it stands, looking like the Temple of Diana at Ephesus. In front is a bronze statue of Washington, on the spot where once stood the living man, when he took the oath at the first Congress, and not far away is St. Paul's Chapel, where he was accustomed to worship. And what is that great building of white marble, of the Renaissance style, looking so large and handsome and massive? It is the Chamber of Commerce, worthy of the great business for which it stands. In Maddison Avenue stands the great Metropolitan, modelled after the famous Campanile of St. Mark at Venice. Big Ben at Westminster cannot rival the mammoth clock of this tower, the largest four-dial clock in the world. All these things of beauty and mechanical greatness have been made by men; they are very imposing and impressive, and we pay the tribute of our admiration to the inventive genius, and to the architectural and engineering skill, of which they are the products.

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