

much more possible it was to do something better than they had ever done before.

At the conclusion of the sermon the National Anthem was sung. This was followed by the Benediction and the sounding of the "Last Post."

The collection was in aid of the Dublin Hospital Sunday Fund.

Amongst those who attended the service were: General Sir Nevil Macready and Staff; Miss Beadsmore Smith, C.B.E., R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief, and Staff; Dame McCarthy, D.B.E., R.R.C. Matron-in-Chief, Territorial Army Nursing Service; Major-General J. J. Gerrard, C.B., C.M.G., Deputy Director Medical Services; Major-General C. F. Boyd, C.B., C.M.G., Commanding Dublin District; Colonel-Commandant R. D. F. Oldman, C.M.G., Commanding 24th Provisional Brigade; and members of the nursing staffs of almost every hospital in Dublin and the surrounding district.

The band of the 1st Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers, under Mr. Miles (bandmaster), took part in the service.

NURSING PROGRESS AT THE GENERAL HOSPITAL, NOTTINGHAM.

The Report of the Monthly Board of the General Hospital, Nottingham, to the one hundred and thirty-ninth Anniversary Meeting held on Armistice Day, contained much interesting information, and we note that more work has been done at less cost than last year, and also, what is vital to the standard of the work, that the income considerably exceeds that of last year. This is fine in these hard times.

Under the heading, "Training of the Nursing Staff," the report states:—

"Your Board have recently considered the Syllabus of Training for Nurses as laid down by the Nurses' Registration Act, and prepared by the General Nursing Council of England and Wales under the direction of the Ministry of Health. It has been found that certain subjects are included in the Syllabus which this Hospital is unable to provide, but negotiations are in progress with the Authorities of the University College as to providing such training, and your Board are assured that the Council of the College will be glad to adopt any suggestions which the Hospital desires to make in the interests of the Nursing Profession and the public generally. Your Board have also been in communication with other Hospitals as to Maternity Training, this being one of the subjects of training required by the Syllabus which this Hospital is unable to provide, and arrangements have been made for such training to be given to the Nurses of this Institution at another recognised Hospital. Your Board have consented to the adoption of the Syllabus referred to, which will place this Hospital on the State List of recog-

nised Training Schools for the Nursing Profession. Certain other subjects, such as Fever Experience, Sick-room Cookery, and Housekeeping, have also been provided for, and other subjects are under consideration."

We congratulate the Board of Management of the General Hospital, Nottingham, on its foresight, and would draw the attention of well-educated girls contemplating Nursing as their profession to the advantageous arrangements made for their training and education at this fine hospital—so well known to us for forty years past. With a very able Matron at the head of the Nursing Department and a first-class Sister Tutor in residence, probationers fortunate enough to be admitted may enter for training with confidence.

THE TRAINING OF FUTURE NURSES.

We are quite in sympathy with the policy on the future training of nurses foreshadowed by Mr. Pratt—on behalf of the Scottish Board of Health—in the Registration Debate in the House of Commons on the 26th ult. Mr. Pratt stated that the Scottish Board of Health, when the rules for future nurses were submitted for their approval, would keep in view the eminent desirability of securing for all nurses a training sufficiently wide to entitle them to registration on the general part of the register. At present it must be admitted that the curricula of the general hospitals suffer by the exclusion of the infectious diseases, and for the present the curricula of the local authorities, hospitals suffer from the expulsion of surgical cases. But in the present rapid readjustments of hospitals and ere long medical administration, he was satisfied that the systems of training now available would be displaced in favour of a combined training. The local authorities who were responsible for the immensely important departments of infectious diseases, including pulmonary and non-pulmonary tuberculosis, as well as pneumonia, cerebro-spinal fever, and many others, might rest assured that the Board would do everything in their power to secure a comprehensive curriculum of education for all nurses. This would ensure that the local authorities would be able to avail themselves of the highest quality of trained nurse for the very important medical services for which they were responsible.

We feel sure that this must be the policy of our own Health Department in the near future. We have always realised that nurses will not be content to be side-tracked as specialists under a Registration system.

BEQUEST TO A NURSE.

Mr. John Croft Deverell, of Dorking, has bequeathed to his nurse, Miss Mary Benson, a legacy of £500, a gratifying evidence of his gratitude for her care and skill in attending him.

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