

some far-distant part of the Empire. It is popular also with nurses having nights off.

Among the special visitors during the past year were a contingent of young Belgian Probationers from a Nursing Home at Ghent, who are being trained in their own country by an English Sister, and for whom a visit to this country was prescribed, so that they might increase their knowledge of a nurse's life and work.

A letter was subsequently received from the Governor of Flanders, expressing in most courteous language the thanks of the pupils of the Home, and associating with them himself and the Board of the Provincial Government.

The Annual Show of the Nurses' Needlework Guild, organised by members of the staff of the Nurses' Co-operation, 22, Langham Street, W., was held at the Howard de Walden Club, 35, Langham Street, on Friday, December 2nd. Miss Jackson, the new Lady Superintendent of the Co-operation, was there, and Miss Christie, the Hon. Secretary of the Needlework Guild, and others were busy showing the visitors round. We have been to many of the Annual Shows, but we never remember a collection of more desirable garments than those on view this year. Those which were made were supplemented with great discrimination by articles bought out of gifts of money. Beautifully warm petticoats, knitted frocks for little girls, shirts, shawls, mufflers, the daintiest of baby clothes, suits for little boys, and much more besides, covered the well-stocked tables, more than five hundred garments in all being on view.

As soon as the Show was over, many willing hands packed up the parcels, which will carry joy to numbers of Sisters and their patients. The distribution of garments included: Brompton Hospital for Consumption, 50; the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, 50; Clapham Maternity Hospital, 30; East End Mothers' Home, 40; Middlesex Hospital, 30; Metropolitan Hospital, 40; Prince of Wales's Hospital, Tottenham, 30; the West London Hospital, 40; and Queen Charlotte's Hospital, 30. The parishes of All Saints, Margaret Street; All Souls, Langham Place; and Holy Cross, St. Pancras, also received gifts.

Tea was served in the beautiful Restaurant of the Club, and everyone seemed very cheery and happy.

The Nurses' League at the London Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road, organised a very successful Sale of Work on the afternoon of Saturday, December 3rd, in support of a bed in a C.M.S. Mission Hospital at Ispahan,

the sum aimed at being £30. The Sale was opened by Miss H. Y. Richardson, Secretary of the Nurses' Missionary League, who referred to the loss recently sustained by the hospital through the death of Dr. Catherine Ironside. Dr. Ironside was trained as a nurse before she qualified as a medical woman. The stalls were well stocked with many attractive and useful things, and the side shows must have brought in quite a substantial amount. There was, for instance, a golden tub with sixpenny dips, from which a well-satisfied journalist extracted a case containing six pencils. One Sister presided over a board on which were arranged twenty candles. You were invited to strike a match and then see how many candles you could light before the match went out. If you got up to twenty you won a prize. If you didn't, and were keen on the competition, you probably scorched your fingers in trying to light your twentieth before the stump of the match burnt out. We hear that the Sale realised £47 or more, and that the odd £17 is to be handed over to the Matron, Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C., for her Christmas Fund. Incidentally, these were not her only pickings, for we heard a good fairy promise to send a drove of turkeys—yes, "drove" was the word mentioned—for Christmas Day. Think of it! Anyway, the patients and staff are secure of their Christmas dinner, and someone whispered plum puddings, also.

The great need of the Training Schools is now well-qualified Sister Tutors, and the effort to raise funds for educating them is the most useful bit of work promoted by the College of Nursing, Ltd. The College has just been endowed by Messrs. Cadbury Brothers, Ltd., of Bournville, with a special training scholarship, tenable for three years, of the value of £100 a year. Sooner or later, nursing education must be endowed—and very well-spent money, too.

Mrs. Burroughs, wife of the Bishop of Sheffield, said some nice things when addressing the Dalton Nursing Association. Amongst them, that it was no exaggeration to say that to bring a good, fully trained nurse into the home of a patient carried such confidence that it would in many cases establish the happiness of the whole family. In her opinion, nursing associations had done more to secure a higher standard of living, cleanliness, and appreciation of the value of open air than almost any other agency. The nurse herself was very often an education to the people. She wished the association all the success such institutions deserved.

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