

The ovation which greeted the prize-winners was well deserved, for much of the needlework was beautiful, and the photographs of a very high standard.

The darning and patching were exquisite. They are evidently not a lost art at Guy's, and everyone was lost in admiration of the cotta with its deep borders of wonderful crochet which won a special prize. We do not wonder that Mrs. Burgwin found difficulty in awarding the prizes for every exhibit seemed to merit one.

The meeting concluded with cordial votes of thanks to the retiring members of the Council, to Mrs. Hughes (the Hon. Treasurer), to Miss Hogg, to Miss M. Smith, and to the Chairman.

M. B.

ECOLE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

Erected by the Nurses of the United States in memory of their colleagues who died in the Great War, the beautiful new Florence Nightingale School of Nursing attached to the Maison de Santé Protestante de Bordeaux, and erected in the grounds of Bagatelle, is to be opened on the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birthday on May 12th. It will be a day of great rejoicing to Dr. Anna Hamilton, the soul of the movement, and to all associated with her in this achievement for nursing in France. It is quite wonderful what has been done at the little school at Bordeaux, but the results from the splendid new school at Bagatelle must in time influence nursing throughout France.

We have received the following graceful invitation to be present on this inspiring occasion, and deeply regret we shall only be present in spirit.

"A MADAME BEDFORD FENWICK.

"Le Conseil d'Administration de la Maison de Santé Protestante de Bordeaux vous prie de bien vouloir lui faire l'honneur d'assister à l'inauguration de l'Internat des Gardes-Malades au Domaine de Bagatelle, sous la présidence d'honneur de M. l'Ambassadeur des Etats-Unis.

"Ce monument est offert par les Nurses d'Améri- que à la Maison de Santé en mémoire de leurs compagnes de l'Armée, de la Marine et de la Croix-Rouge tombées en activité de service, pendant la Grande Guerre.

"Cette cérémonie aura lieu le Vendredi, 12 mai prochain, à 2 h. $\frac{1}{2}$ de l'après-midi, 209, route de Toulouse, en l'honneur du 102me anniversaire de la naissance de Florence Nightingale dont l'Ecole porte le nom.

FEVER NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Council of the Association, Dr. J. T. Kitchin (Medical Superintendent of Bradford City Hospital), was elected President for the ensuing year. The President will deliver his address at the Annual Meeting, which is to be held on Saturday, May 27th next, at Bradford, at 3 p.m. The recent examination of the Association constitutes a record, both in the number of candidates and in the number of hospitals at which examinations were held.

PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The Professional Union of Trained Nurses has opened a Bureau of Employment, and has placed several of its members in good posts. This is a most useful branch of any nurses' organisation, especially if discretion is used in recommending the right woman for the right work. We hear constantly of the shortage of nurses, but the Minister for Labour informed Major Barnett, when the Unemployment Insurance Bill was under discussion, that upwards of 700 trained nurses had already applied for unemployment insurance benefit. To obtain employment through a professional organisation or the professional press is much more satisfactory than through other channels.

One hears a great deal about improvement in the treatment of the Probationer Nurse; it seems, however, to be more apparent than real. Some hospitals may be a little better than others in this respect, but as far as my knowledge goes, there is still more room for improvement.

A short while ago I spoke of institutions where nurses were expected to stoke the furnaces and carry the coals. I am glad to say that through the action of this Union, in some of them at least, this has been stopped.

As publicity is the best way of curing most evils of the sort, I propose to mention other hospitals where the special grievance is that the staff are allowed no sort of privacy. No keys to their bedroom doors, and the matron, assistant matron, &c., are in the habit of walking in when they feel inclined, without knocking or without apology, whatever the state of dress (or undress) the nurse may be in. No wonder the staff are in revolt. Nowadays, no one would dare to behave in such a manner to any servant, though anything is good enough for a nurse! They sleep, for the most part, four in a room, with a supply of screens that is quite inadequate. This means that young girls, nicely brought up, are plunged into community life, that is quite against their sense of refinement, without any means of redress. Can one be surprised that the decent-minded don't care to stay, or that those who do become case-hardened, and lose the fine sense of delicacy that is one of the most necessary characteristics of a nurse, who has to deal with the sick of both sexes?

MAUDE MACCALLUM,

Hon. Secretary.

IRISH NURSES AND MIDWIVES UNION.

A branch of the Irish Nurses and Midwives Union has been established in Cork with much success. A committee and officers have been appointed, and the Association hopes before long to have all Irish nurses enrolled. The branches of the Union are affiliated to Trade and Labour Councils where such exist. The membership in Cork, we are informed, is already numerous. The Hon. Secretaries are Mrs. Mahony, Cove Street, and Mrs. Walsh, Windsor Terrace, St. Luke's.

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