

the city, such a step would be a great loss to the aged poor.

Although termed the Cathedral Nursing Society, the work is entirely undenominational, and last year 27,000 visits were paid to aged sick of all creeds. The staff of the Society also takes charge of cases from all the hospitals needing skilled after-care treatment.

The date of the sale is October 5th, and the Lady Mayoress has consented to perform the opening ceremony. All old friends are invited to send a gift in kind or of money for the sale.

We regret to note that at a Meeting of the Northumberland County Nursing Association Lady Victoria Percy, who is President, stated that "in the more sparsely populated districts the nurses reside in the cottages with the patients." We had hoped this most undesirable system had been superseded by more hygienic arrangements long ago. Very few cottages of the very poor can house the nurse without the greatest inconvenience and discomfort to the family, and our Ministry of Health and County Councils, who subsidise these lay-governed Associations, would do well to insist upon more decent arrangements.

In the absence of the Duchess of Atholl, the Countess of Mar and Kellie opened the splendidly organised garden fête recently held at Monzie Castle, Crieff, in support of the Home for Aged and Retired Nurses, which has been established in Glasgow, to serve the West of Scotland area, under the auspices of the King Edward VII Memorial Fund for Nurses. The scheme owes its inception and the progress which has been made so far in a large degree to the very active interest of Mrs. M'Cowen, the wife of the owner of Monzie Castle, Councillor David M'Cowen, Glasgow. Mrs. M'Cowen is convener of the committee responsible for the establishment of the Home, and as such she formally accepted about six months ago the custody of Hazelwood House, Dumbreck, which is now being adapted to the purposes of the scheme.

Hazelwood House was presented some years ago to the Scottish Branch of the British Red Cross Society, who used it during the war as an auxiliary hospital, and later as a training centre. When it ceased to be required for this work the Red Cross Society generously undertook to put the building at the disposal of the committee by granting a lease of it for thirty years without rent. When the Home is completed it will have accommodation for twenty-five nurses, each with a separate room. The

design is that the institution should serve as a residence for nurses who have retired from the practice of their profession. A similar Home has been in existence in Edinburgh for several years. It is anticipated that many of the nurses, while unable to live independently, will be in a position to contribute to some extent to the maintenance of the Home, but the full costs of the institution cannot be recovered in that way, and the scheme provides for the foundation of a reserve fund, to be applied in making good the difference between the revenue and the total expenditure. The committee have already secured subscriptions amounting to over £20,000, but a considerable sum is still required to make the necessary alterations in the Home and leave a balance for future working. An additional sum of at least £5,000 was sought, and it was to assist in the acquisition of that aim that the Monzie Castle fête was organised.

Many appreciative speeches were made at the Fête. It was universally acknowledged that rich and poor, all had learned to value the work of nurses, and that public sympathy was certainly behind this project to afford those who were not in a position to live independently a Home in which they could pass in peace and quiet and comfort the closing period of the lives which they had spent in bringing solace and happiness to others.

The Board of Management of the Victoria Maternity Hospital, Pretoria, have awarded a gold medal to Nurse Troughton, who attained the first place in the Transvaal Nursing Examination last session, and a silver medal to Nurse Sutton, who came out third. Both nurses received their general training at the Addington Hospital, Durban.

A RE-UNION AT WHIPPS CROSS HOSPITAL.

Dr. Muir, Medical Superintendent and Miss L. S. Clark, Matron of the Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, E., have issued an invitation to a Re-union on Friday, October 20th, to all Whipps Cross Nurses. The Bishop of Barking has kindly consented to give an address in the Hospital Chapel at 4 p.m. The Matron invites all those who hope to attend to send her a postcard, and notifies that arrangements can be made to put up a limited number of nurses who are unable to return the same night due to distance.

We have no doubt Whipps Cross nurses will flock to their old Training School which they hold in great affection.

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