

S.W. 7, and in Scotland at 1, Randolph Place, Edinburgh, has made a number of new appointments since December, 1924, and has sent nurses for private work to the Outpost Nursing Association, Newfoundland; the Ceylon Nursing Association; the Shanghai Municipal Council; to the British and American Hospital Valparaiso (Non-Government Hospitals), and to the following Government Hospitals, Malaya Government Hospitals (5 nurses); to the Straits Settlements Government Hospitals (9 nurses); King Edward Memorial Hospital, Bermuda (2 nurses); Nigerian Government Hospitals (5 nurses); Sierra Leone Government Hospitals (1 nurse); Ceylon Government Hospitals (4 nurses); Colonial Hospital, Gibraltar (2 nurses); Tanganyika Territory Government Hospitals (2 nurses); Kenya Colony Government Hospitals (2 nurses); Palestine Government Hospitals (1 nurse); Hong Kong Government Hospitals (7 nurses); and St. Ann's Asylum, Trinidad. The Association does excellent work in facilitating the employment of nurses in outposts of Empire where lives would undoubtedly be lost were their skilled services not available.

At Edinburgh, Nurse White, of Broxburn, West Lothian, was awarded £67 damages against a draper who sold her a coat with a fur collar, the contact of which against her face caused fur dermatitis.

The *Bulletin* of the Association D'Hygiene Sociale de L'Aisne, states:—

"Everyone who had ever had anything to do with the Service d'Hygiene of the American Committee has heard of the Bordeaux School and Dr. Hamilton, and we have both good and bad news to give them in this direction.

"Dr. Hamilton has met with an accident which will incapacitate her for several months. She slipped coming down the stairs and broke her leg very badly; and, as a result of the shock, had a heart attack which was very serious.

"Now, however, we are glad to report that she is doing well, and is resigned to her inactivity. We are hoping that while she cannot move about very much, she will make up her mind to write her souvenirs of 'Nursing in France,' which would be so precious to future generations."

On April 26th, the Annual Meeting of the Hospital and School was held in Bordeaux, and was presided over by Miss Evelyn Walker, representing the American Nurses.

The new hospital buildings are progressing very fast, and the town of Bordeaux has given 100,000 fr. towards their completion. We feel sure that the end is in sight, and that Bagatelle will be as fine an example of hospital and training school combined as can be found anywhere.

The May issue of *The Canadian Nurse* contains a charming photograph of a portrait of Miss Mary Agnes Snively, first Superintendent of Nurses at the Toronto General Hospital, presented to the Training School by the Alumnae Association of that Hospital. The

presentation was made by Miss Clara Brown, President of the Association, who said in part:—

"Miss Snively, Mr. Blackwell, Miss Gunn, Ladies and Gentlemen:—

"It is indeed a very great pleasure for me to welcome on behalf of the Alumnae the many personal and professional friends of Miss Snively and the Toronto General Hospital, and to join with you in doing honour to both in the unveiling and presentation of the portrait of the first Superintendent of Nurses of our Training School.

"As we older graduates look back on the years of training and close association with this school, we are deeply conscious of the influence of a rare personality; and while many of us may have fallen short of Miss Snively's expectations, none can say that we have not been better for our contact with her. It is therefore with all due recognition of my inability to worthily represent my fellow-nurses on this occasion, but at the same time with sincere appreciation of the honour, that I now, in your presence, unveil the portrait of the first Superintendent of our Alma Mater, Mary Agnes Snively.

"It is the hope and assurance, I am sure, of each of us that this portrait which has just been unveiled and which I have now the pleasure, in the name of the Alumnae, to present to the Training School, will serve in the years to come as a reminder to us, as well as to our successors, that we should strive to maintain the ideals of service for which the subject of the portrait has always stood.

"I have now much pleasure in calling upon Mr. Blackwell to receive, on behalf of the Toronto General Hospital and School, the portrait of Miss Snively."

Mrs. R. W. Reford, Convener of the Advisory Committee on Nursing of the Montreal Local Association, speaking at their Annual Meeting, as reported in the *News Letter* of the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada, said:—

"Regard for the Nursing profession is, one might say, universal; it is common to all peoples and to all countries, but no one could come into closer acquaintance with that branch of it which is known as District Nursing, and which in 1897 the Victorian Order determined to make its own, and not quickly feel that kindled regard deepen into a warm glow of wondering appreciation and admiration. Among those who are known in history as the nursing Saints, as St. Francis of Assisi, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Catherine of Siena, Elizabeth of Hungary, Bridget of Kildare, Bridget of Sweden and others down to Madame de Chantal, many were district nurses and carried their nursing care into the humblest abodes of the people. No district nurse can succeed unless she gathers about her the soft folds of the mantle of her great predecessors, for though the path she treads is smoother in some places than was theirs, it is along and up the same sort of grade and leads towards the same goals of healing and teaching as were theirs.

"It is true that Twentieth Century conditions seem to differ vastly from those of the Fourteenth when St. Catherine threaded her way through those narrow, foul-smelling, plague-stricken districts of Siena, but we must not forget that the relative plays a large part in equalising

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