

And we can easily understand, as we thread our way through the thousands of islands how, in this part of the world there should have grown up such a profound mythology as that which, later, lost its glory when it fell before the preaching of the Cross. The northern mythology, one realised at least, was not the result of an erratic fancy; out in the Baltic there is a grandeur that makes one wonder, and from wonder intuition grows, so that we came to understand that Life and Nature formed the basis of the existence and the deeds of the divinities of northern Europe. It would have been strange indeed had not a wealth of fairy tales, myths and runic writings arisen from the inspiration of such marvellous spectacles, from "symbols" such as that which we experienced, ere we sailed at last into the harbour of the ancient city of Abo, the one time capital of Finland.

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HONOUR FOR MEMBER OF THE R.B.N.A.

Miss Johanna Morrissey has been awarded the "Medaille de L'Hospitalité de Notre Dame de Lourdes" in recognition of her untiring and unflinching devotedness to the sick. The special notice in connection with the award goes on to state that "the honour, in itself, is very great but the circumstance of its being conferred at the present moment makes it greater. In the ordinary course of events, the medal is given only after many years passed in the work of charity. Sister Morrissey has received it after the second year."

For two years in succession Sister Morrissey has gone out to help in the nursing of the sick who journey to Lourdes in thousands, and this year she was in charge of the Catholic Association Pilgrimage. Her work must have been, not only self-sacrificing and her professional qualifications of great value, but the outcome of both must have proved of a very high order in its results, to secure a distinction which is greatly coveted and which is awarded only in exceptional circumstances. This award has, if possible given perhaps more pleasure to Miss Morrissey's friends than even to herself; very many of her patients expressed their great satisfaction on hearing of it and on the day that she received the Medal they presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers to show their pleasure in her well-deserved distinction.

Miss Morrissey joined the R.B.N.A. a few years ago and is a member of the Society of Chartered Nurses. We are not surprised that the patients and those responsible for them have appreciated her services for, apart from her professional qualifications, her brightness, her keen sense of humour, her never failing enthusiasm and, above all, her capacity for getting interest and enjoyment out of

every situation, no matter how commonplace, must act like a tonic in any sick room. There is no more popular member of the R.B.N.A., and when she returned from Lourdes with her coveted Medal, she found friends ready to participate whole heartedly in her pleasure.

Several of the members went to Lourdes this year and all returned with the verdict that they "would not have missed it for anything" so impressed were they with the atmosphere of this wonderful Mecca of the suffering. Miss Morrissey herself has described the experiences in Lourdes as "one great wave of prayer and service and reverence

with a wonderful atmosphere of fellowship and friendship so that the time we had there, busy as we were in hospital, seems almost like a sort of benediction in one's life."

We offer to Miss Morrissey our sincere congratulation on an award which is the one above all others which she longed to receive.

OUR VISITORS FROM BEYOND THE SEAS.

Early in the summer, the Executive Committee issued an invitation to nurses passing through London to Helsingfors to make use of our Club at Queen's Gate on the same terms as our own Members. This invitation has been widely taken advantage of, and we have all enjoyed meeting Members of the Profession from almost every part of the Empire, besides others from the United States and from other countries. We have had a most interesting interchange of views and have added widely to our friendships with nurses in other lands. These visitors come to us with a wonderful capacity for getting all they can out of their sojourn in London, and it is curious sometimes how accounts of their adventures enable us to see our beautiful London from more varied angles. Half-a-dozen people may visit the same place in the same week, yet each will come with a description that adds something we had not thought of before. Stratford-on-Avon, Windsor, Oxford and Cambridge have all come in for their share of attention from

our overseas visitors, while quite a few have been warmly received at the Scottish Nurses' Club in Glasgow, and, from that as their headquarters, have explored Edinburgh and parts of the Highlands of Scotland. Most of them flew either to or from the Continent, and appear to have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. What does the Ramblers' Club think of making a similar journey one week-end, with Paris as its destination? The idea might recommend itself—after our pockets have recovered from Helsingfors.

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