

She was Superintendent of Nurses at Taunton State Hospital, Mass, and other Hospitals for the Insane.

Miss Mary A. M. Nutt, O.B.E., R.R.C., S.R.N.

We regret to record the death, in May last, of Miss Mary M. Nutt, S.R.N., Matron of the Nurses' War Memorial Home at Rondebosch, and formerly Acting Matron-in-Chief of the Union Military Hospital, Cape Town, whose funeral took place on May 1st in the English cemetery, Woltemade, conducted by the Reverend Canon Smartt, at which there was a very large attendance, few hospitals and nursing institutions in the peninsula being unrepresented.

Miss Nutt was trained at Guy's Hospital, London, and Miss Bishop, and Miss Budden, two Guy's nurses in white uniforms, represented her training school. The matron of the Military Hospital, Wynberg, Miss Blinck, was also in uniform, as were also two nurses of the Old Somerset Hospital, of which Miss Nutt had been for some years matron.

Those present included also Mrs. Bennie, member of the South African Medical and Nursing Council; Miss Goodacre, Matron of the New Somerset Hospital; Miss Gordon, Matron of the Victoria Nurses' Institute, Cape Town, and many others too numerous to mention.

There was a short service at the graveside, and when the coffin had been lowered the gathering, led by the Rev. Caradoc Davies, Rector of Simon's Town, who was military chaplain at Simon's Town during the Great War, sang "Abide with Me."

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The reopening of St. Paul's Cathedral on June 25th, after the restoration extending over seventeen years, in the presence of the King and Queen, and other members of the Royal Family, Archbishops and Bishops, Ministers of State, Ambassadors of foreign nations, Peers, Commons, Field Marshals, Admirals of the Fleet, the Lord Mayor of London, and other civic dignitaries, was the occasion for high thanksgiving accompanied by ceremonial and glorious music, never to be forgotten by the vast throng which filled the "Mother Church of London" from end to end.

Not only did the congregation rise to honour their Sovereign, but as the artizans, who had been engaged on the Restoration, workmen, joiners, masons, plumbers, labourers, and cleaners, in their everyday clothes, the congregation rose to pay their tribute to them also,

The Prince of Wales unveiled the fine statue of Marshal Foch, the gift of the Empire, in Grosvenor Gardens, London, on June 5th, in the presence of Madame Foch, and a distinguished assembly.

At Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park, the residence of Lord and Lady FitzAlan, a garden has been made in a cellar, where flowers and fruit are being grown under ultra-violet ray lamps. When the King and Queen were at Windsor they visited the garden and expressed surprise at the remarkable results obtained.

The cellar is fitted with two large ultra-violet ray lamps, which are suspended from the roof, and can be adjusted to any height required. The floor of the cellar has been specially prepared with soil, and shelves have been placed under the lamps with flowers in boxes or trays. Flowers are brought to perfection and fruit ripened in quite a short space of time. It is said that there are only three gardens of the kind in existence.

At a recent meeting referring to naval disarmament Lord Bridgeman said:—"The Government risked security and gained nothing by it."

Neither the United States nor Japan are satisfied with the results of the Naval Treaty although both have gained privileges at our expense.

The daily cost of the Conference to us which is charged to the Foreign Office Vote is estimated at, approximately £85, and the total charge on this Vote in respect of the Conference at about £7,500. The cost of the Conference falling on other Votes amounts to £9,100, making an aggregate of £16,600, which is at the rate of £182 a day for the period of 91 days.

The following well-known women were elected Vice-Presidents by the delegates to the quadrennial Meeting of the International Council of Women recently held at Vienna:—Mme. Avril de Sainte-Croix, France; Dr. Phil. Alice Salomon, Germany; Fru Kjelsberg, Norway; Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, Ph.D., Great Britain; Dr. Valeria Parker, United States; Dr. Ingegerd Palme, Sweden; Princess Cantacuzène, Rumania; Mme. Plaminkova, Czechoslovakia.

The Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair was re-elected President.

It is understood that "The MacNab," one of Raeburn's most magnificent pictures, has been bequeathed to the nation under the will of the owner, the late Lord Dewar.

What a relief that this treasure is to remain at home! It has recently been remarked by an art lover "If we were a really civilised nation, one of the most important posts in the Cabinet would be that of a Minister of Fine Arts."

The second anniversary of the death of Mrs. Pankhurst, the famous Suffragette leader, was marked by the unveiling of a headstone subscribed for by members of the Women's Social and Political Union, on her grave in Brompton Cemetery.

There was a great gathering of her devoted followers who hold her memory sacred.

We often take a peep at her beautiful statue in the Victoria Gardens, and note with satisfaction the lovely flowers placed at the foot of the plinth.

We are informed that every grave in Swanscombe (Kent) Cemetery has its own rose tree, and all are now in bloom. A great sight!

This reminds us that whilst the private gardens of England become more exquisite every year, our churchyards are often sadly neglected. With a little organisation this should not be. Surely "God's Acre" is worthy of care and should be beautified in every parish. Could we not institute a Society in every diocese, whose work it would be to secure the advice of an expert gardener, and to raise funds to provide for keeping our churchyards lovely and in order. Surely in every parish the living would be found anxious to help the clergy to honour the dead, by making their last earthly resting place worthy of respect.

A gracious little episode, which occurred, says *The Times*, when Signor Mussolini was in Florence the other day, and was giving a reception to the aristocracy and other notables, has just been made public. When some of the ladies were presented to the Duce they named themselves "Maria Teresa Ricasoli, six children," "Nora Giucciardini, seven children," "Maria Teresa Corsini, four children," instead of giving their titles of nobility.

This style of presentation is said to have been greatly appreciated by the Duce, who complimented the ladies in warm terms.

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