

casts a halo around the town, in the service of whose sick and suffering she wore out her beautiful body.

SOUVENIRS OF SISTER DORA.

Owing to the courtesy of the Mayor of Walsall, Councillor S. E. Edge, we have before us an extract from the Council Minutes (County Borough of Walsall) reporting a letter from Alderman Joseph A. Leckie, Borough Member, reporting as gifts to the town by Mrs. Newton-Robinson, a daughter of Sister Dora's favourite sister Rachel, souvenirs of her revered aunt whom she adored and with whom as a girl she stayed at the Cottage Hospital, Walsall.

The Town Council of Walsall naturally accepted with gratitude the most interesting and acceptable gifts made to the town by Mrs. Newton-Robinson, and tendered her their best thanks therefor, and resolved to tender to the Borough Member (Alderman Leckie) and Mr. Graham Leckie, of Prestatyn, hearty thanks for their good offices in the matter of the gift to the town by Mrs. Newton-Robinson of a number of souvenirs of Sister Dora; that the Free Library and Art Gallery Committee be asked to arrange for the permanent exhibition of the Souvenirs in the Free Library and Art Gallery; and that the Council accept with best thanks the offer of the Borough Member to provide a suitable cabinet or showcase to contain them.

LIST OF THE SOUVENIRS.

1. The Silver Presentation Key of Walsall Hospital.
2. The Cross and Chain Sister Dora always wore at her girdle.
3. Her Key Label.
4. A Medal.
5. A Daguerrotype of Sister Dora as a young woman.
6. Her father's Armorial Bearings as shown on his bookplate.
7. A Photograph.

Papers—Character sketch from her hand-writing, newspaper cuttings, pamphlets, etc.

Also a water colour of Hauxwell Rectory, Yorkshire, Sister Dora's birthplace, the home of her father, the Rev. Mark James Pattison.

A small reproduction, about 2 ft. 6 in. high, of Sister Dora's Statue, presented by the Sculptor, Mr. James Williamson, to her brother.

" SHE SAW DEEP THINGS."

We have to thank the Mayor of Walsall for a copy of the following poem, which we are privileged to reprint:—

A POEM BY COUNCILLOR ARTHUR BROCKHURST, J.P.,
OF WALSALL.

Enshrined in Walsall's heart her memory lives;
And still her life its benediction gives

To this old town.

Men saw the Love of Heaven in her eyes,
And in her presence felt new Hope arise,
When smitten down.

So deft of hand, so quick to understand,
Her slightest wish was sanctified command,
To be obeyed.

She soothed and mothered them with simple wiles,
Till men forgot their pain to win her smiles
And ready praise.

She saw deep things that never could be told;
That made her wise and gave her heart of gold
Its healing power;

But O, the Mother-thought that made the deed so kind,
And O, the magic touch that soothed the fevered mind
In Death's dark hour.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

SURVEY OF SYLLABUSES OF COURSES OF TRAINING FOR HEALTH VISITORS.

The Joint Consultative Committee of Institutions recognised by the Minister of Health for the Training of Health Visitors and of organisations of Health Visitors, 92, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, has done a useful piece of work in making and issuing a Survey (to which we briefly referred in our last issue) of syllabuses of courses of training for Health Visitors. Several important facts emerge from this Survey.

I. That although the office of Health Visitor is a comparatively new occupation there is no standardised curriculum defined, or educational standard required of candidates for training, and that the seventeen institutions on the printed list of those approved by the Minister of Health for the Training of Health Visitors give training which varies widely both in length and in type, some providing more than one type of course. Thus, twelve Institutions provide courses of training of six months' duration; eight provide courses of one year's duration, and three provide courses of training of two years' duration—these three courses being in London.

In addition, this report includes information relative to one six months' course and one "Probationer Health Visitor" course which have both been recently approved by the Minister of Health—the latter for individual students only.

TRAINING COURSES ARE OF TWO KINDS:

(i) Courses provided by or in association with Local Authorities for "Probationer Health Visitors."

(ii) Courses provided by independent educational bodies.

From the point of view of an intending student, there are at present five distinct types of training courses for students wishing to take the examination for the Health Visitors' Certificate, viz.:

OPEN TO TRAINED NURSES ONLY:

1. Courses of six months' or one year's duration conducted by an educational body not associated exclusively with the Public Health Department of one Local Authority.

2. Courses of six months' duration conducted by an "ad hoc" body.

3. Courses of six months' duration conducted by or in association with the Public Health Department of one Local Authority.

4. Courses of one year's duration ("Probationer Health Visitor" courses) conducted by or in association with the Public Health Department of one Local Authority.

OPEN TO STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT TRAINED NURSES:

5. Courses of two years' duration conducted by an educational body not associated exclusively with the Public Health Department of one Local Authority.

II. It is noteworthy that of the five recognised Training Courses four are open to trained (we presume registered) nurses only.

Comparing the six months' and the year's courses, the Committee state: "Those who have been responsible for the supervision of students doing both six months and one-year courses have been impressed by the comparative absence of strain under which the one-year students work and by their happier outlook on life. The strain frequently noticeable in students taking a six months' course is a matter of concern to those who have watched them, and, in some cases, results in failure in the examination."

III. For the courses of two years' duration, fees amount (a) for students eligible for the Ministry of Health's grant, and resident in the County of London, £40 or £42 for two

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