

while in the Hospital, from serious and dangerous illnesses."

I AM glad to see from the report that considerable advance is being made, under the energetic guidance of Miss Heanley, the Lady Superintendent, in the reorganisation of the Nursing Department. One of the speakers at the annual meeting, I observe, said that "the Hospital continued to prosper under the excellent management of the Matron. Of late they had changed their system at the Hospital. They used to have principally paid Nurses, but lately they had had a succession of young ladies, who went to be trained, and, besides doing the work of the Hospital, contributed a small sum for their maintenance. By this means they were able to get a better class of ladies as Nurses and were enabled to send Nurses into the town. During the year thirty-six cases had been visited in the town."

*Apropos* of presentations, a kind correspondent has sent me the following cutting, evidently from a Newcastle-on-Tyne paper, but its name and date are not given:—"At the Nurses' Home, Ellison Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Miss Gregory, who for a number of years has been Matron of the Home, but is now about to leave this city, was the recipient of a presentation from the Nurses of the Staff, as a token of the high esteem and regard in which she is held by them. The movement, which resulted in the ceremony, was originated and actively carried out by Nurses Hutchinson and Hynam, with the cordial support of the whole Staff. The presentation was made by Rev. Mr. Healey, curate of St. Peter's Church, who, in a few well-chosen words, expressed the deep regret felt by the Nurses in parting from Miss Gregory, which that lady, in responding, feelingly acknowledged. The gifts took the form of an illuminated address, signed by twenty-eight Nurses, executed by Messrs. Mawson, Swan, and Morgan, and a silver cream jug, sugar basin and tongs, from the establishment of Messrs. Reid and Sons."

I HEAR that Miss Lucretia Gregory was recently invited by a number of Medical men in Sunderland to organize an Institution for Private Nurses in that town, and has been so successful in her exertions in the matter that on December 27th the Home was finally opened, and work was commenced with four Nurses, all of whom were immediately engaged for Medical cases. A better selection for the post of Lady Superintendent could hardly have been made, as Miss Gregory has had very considerable and varied Nursing experience. She

was trained at the Royal Infirmary at Edinburgh, next had charge of a Ward at Winchester for four years, and then was appointed Matron of the Nurses' Home at Newcastle, where she worked for the past five years.

THE "fashionable craze"—as some of the papers term it—for Nursing seems to have spread across the Atlantic, and attacked the stronger sex in the States. I see in the *New York Medical Record* that a Training School for Male Nurses was formally opened at Bellevue Hospital on December 17th. The building has accommodation for fifty persons. Out of one hundred and ten applicants twenty-two were selected. They will be given a two years' training, similar to that of the female Nurses.

I AM told of two very interesting courses of lectures about to be given, one by Miss Helen Thomson, who worked for some time at the Hospital for Sick Children at Birkenhead, and at the General Hospital, Manchester. They will be given under distinguished patronage in the Parish Room of the Vicarage Church, South Kensington, on Wednesday, January 9, and five following Wednesdays, at three p.m. They are to be upon "Home Nursing," and from the syllabus, I imagine, will be most practical, interesting, and instructive. The others are lectures on Health and Nursing, by Miss Rose Shaddon, an earnest worker in the Industrial Department of the Girls' Friendly Society.

CHRISTMAS and New Year has been a very busy time with most Hospitals and their workers. I am glad to hear of such happy, successful "trees," "feasts," and other enjoyments provided for the patients and Nurses all over the country. Mr. Editor asks me to thank all our kind contributors who have sent us accounts of their festivities; but to add that he does not like to publish one without publishing all of these accounts, and that to do the latter would take two complete numbers of this Journal!

THE *Westminster Gazette* gives the following interesting item:—"The Victoria House and Nurses' Home at Alexandria are likely to have permanent premises of their own, as the Khedive has presented to the Committee a site for a building, to erect which about £3,000 are wanted. The Victoria House is established to provide respectable lodgings for women of any nationality who have no home or employment, and to procure them situations by means of a servants' registry. The Victoria House and the Nurses' Home are really one institution, but thus far the

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