

principles embodied in three reports on Nursing, which were as follows:—(1) 'That the employment of Nurses who do not reside in the Hospital shall be discontinued. (2) That some system for Training Nurses shall be established. (3) That in time Trained Nurses may be employed in private Nursing from the Hospital after the needs of the Hospital are fully supplied.'

"THE Committee presented a somewhat elaborate report on the subject, and pointed out the advantages, which, after careful consideration, they thought would accrue to the Institution and the county by adopting the principle of the reports. They had gone carefully into the question from a pecuniary point of view, and found that a scheme, which they recommended, would cost about £1,900, and the Nursing at the Hospital, while being greatly improved, would be done for about £760, instead of between £900 and £930 as heretofore. In conclusion, the Committee recommended:—(1) 'That a Superintendent of Nurses be appointed by the Weekly Board (at a salary not exceeding £60 per annum), and that her duties be defined by the Board. (2) That a new dining-room for the Nurses be provided in the basement under the Board-room, at an estimated cost of £150. (3) That it is desirable that a house be erected for the accommodation of Nurses, at an estimated cost of £1,350, and the furnishing thereof £400 in addition.' The report was carried."

I AM asked to call attention to the interesting forthcoming Doll Show and Competition, which is to take place on November 9 and 10, at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street. Good prizes will be given for dolls dressed in Nursing uniforms. All information can be obtained from the Lady Superintendent, and I will give further particulars next week.

I HEAR that the Prize Essay Judges have awarded the prize this time to Miss Mary C. Lock, who was, it may be remembered, the successful competitor upon the first occasion. I am told that they had some difficulty in deciding between her thesis and that of Miss Annie Blissett, to which they award special commendation, and which, I hear, will be also published in these columns.

I AM very glad to hear that the amount subscribed to the fund for building a Children's Hospital, at Eastbourne, in memory of Miss Harriet Brownlow Byron, late Mother Superior and founder of All Saints' Sisterhood, Margaret Street, now exceeds £3,000. Everyone must hope that the Memorial

to be raised to such a good woman, and one who was of so much mark in the Nursing world, may be worthy of her life and work.

I HEAR that Miss Ada Smith has been appointed Sister of Wards at The Hospital for Women, Soho Square. She was trained at the University College Hospital, and then, for nearly three years, worked on the private staff of that Institution in England and America. She was then appointed Sister of Wards at the Victoria Park Chest Hospital, and, finally, Night Sister at the Royal Infirmary, at Aberdeen, which post she has held up to the present time. *Appropos* of appointments, there is the greatest excitement in Nursing circles about the vacant post of Matron to the Charing Cross Hospital. It is reported there are already about fifty ladies, more or less well known in the Nursing world, who are candidates for the appointment. I hear that the authorities of St. John's House, who have hitherto had the Nursing entirely in their own hands—and who certainly have done their work to perfection—cease to have the management of the department after next March, but will then undertake the care of the Nursing at the Metropolitan Free Hospital. I am told that the new Matron is to be appointed shortly at Charing Cross, so as to enable her to organise her Staff, and have everything in working order by the time the St. John's House Nurses depart. S. G.

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THE MARGARET WILLIAMSON HOSPITAL.—In Shang-hai, in the year 1885, was opened a Hospital for the relief of Chinese women and children. It is under the control of the Woman's Union Missionary Society of America, and originated in a fund left for that purpose by the late Mrs. Margaret Williamson. It is under the charge of Drs. Elizabeth Reifsnnyder and Mary Gale, and Misses Elizabeth McKechnie and Elizabeth Andrews. The first report of the work, for the two years ending December 31, 1887, has just been issued. The greater part of the work is done in the Dispensary, where as many as three hundred prescriptions have been filed in one day, and over three thousand patients treated in a single month. It is proposed soon to add to the capacity of the Hospital by the erection of a new Ward, which will bear the name of the late Dr. S. Wells Williams, the funds for the purpose having been bequeathed to the Mission by that well-known sinologue.—*The New York Medical Record.*

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