

in neat little characters, is answered to Miss C. Robinson, and by return of post a card arrives from the Rev. C. Robinson, "as there is evidently some mistake." Or a letter comes from York, in which Miss Brown says she "encloses postal orders," &c., but there is no vestige of enclosure to be found. This is notified to her. Several days later a Postal Order arrives from Brighton without any name or address, and is filed. In another week Miss Brown writes most indignantly to ask why her Postal Orders have never been acknowledged! So there are two good rules I think all Nurses would be wise to remember and act upon. "In writing to a stranger, always place Miss or Mrs. in brackets before the entire Christian and surnames, and fully address and date the letter." "When sending Postal Orders, take a memorandum of the number, and the office and date at which the orders were issued." I feel sure that they will save themselves, and others, much trouble by these simple precautions.

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It is reported that Mrs. Scharlieb, M.D., has been appointed one of the three lecturers to the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses. This lady occupies the post of Lecturer on Forensic Medicine, at the London School of Medicine for Women, and Physician to Out-Patients at the New Hospital for Women. I hear that the details of the organisation of this scheme, to which it may be remembered Her Majesty appropriated the balance of the £70,000 given to her by the women of the Empire, are now completed for England and Scotland, and are approaching settlement, so far as Ireland is concerned. It is sad to hear that sectarian feelings are aroused in the Sister Isle, even about Nursing matters, and have caused the greatest delays and difficulties. Perhaps some of my readers do not know that the money is to be invested, and the interest applied to the maintenance of Trained Nurses in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin, who are to work gratuitously among the sick poor.

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I AM indebted to the Hon. Secretary of the Gateshead Children's Hospital for the kind information that Miss E. R. Miles, of the General Hospital, Swansea, has been appointed Matron of his useful and popular Institution. Miss Miles was trained, I am informed, at the Evelina Hospital for Children; then became Senior Head Nurse at the Victoria Hospital, Burnley; and afterwards Sister-in-charge of the Boys' Ward, in the Alexandra Hospital for Children, at Brighton. Her varied and considerable special work has therefore eminently fitted her for the responsible post she has now gained.

It is reported in our ever-interesting contemporary *The Queen* that the Queen of Sweden's Institution for Sick Nurses, the Sofia Home, is now approaching its completion. It consists of two main buildings, of which the wing intended to serve as a Hospital has been built entirely at the cost of the King and Queen of Sweden. The King gave, in 1886, a first donation of Kr. 75,000, and now, at Christmas, a second sum of Kr. 25,000 to the Queen for this purpose, and Her Majesty has herself given about Kr. 60,000 out of her private purse. The cost of this wing will be about Kr. 130,000, and the surplus of Kr. 30,000 will be used for heating apparatus and other appliances common for both wings. The second building will serve as residence for the pupils of the Home, and for those Sick Nurses who attend the sick in the Home, or are on duty in the town with private persons. This building contains kitchens, laundries, &c., and the cost will be about Kr. 130,000, towards which several sums have been given, and funds obtained in various ways. As soon as the Hospital is completed, the King and Queen intend to hand it over to the Board for the Home for Sick Nurses as a present for all time. S. G.

HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS, ETC., COMMUNICATED AND COLLECTED.

THE report presented to the thirty-sixth annual meeting of the subscribers of the Leeds Hospital for Women and Children, held last week, shows that the general work of the Hospital was progressing in a satisfactory manner. The number of patients had considerably increased during the year. A diminution in the donations, legacies, and also the subscriptions, had occurred; but a substantial addition had been made in the receipts from the Leeds Workpeople's Hospital Fund, and the balance-sheet showed a surplus of £117 14s. 2d.

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THE Tiverton Infirmary and Dispensary subscribers held their annual meeting at the Town Hall on the 23rd ult. The report was more satisfactory than the one of the previous year. In reply to the appeal of the committee, there had been a considerable increase in the donations. The number of patients treated was again the highest of any year in the history of the institution. During the year the drainage scheme had been entirely reorganised and placed upon a scientific basis. The mortuary had also been rebuilt on approved plans. The total increase of receipts for the year represented a sum of £108 8s. 11d.

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