

chairman of the committee, the two Nurses of the Association had been overworked, necessitating the appointment of a third or extra Nurse. There can be no question about the intense physical and mental wear and tear of District Nursing, and I would appeal to all those in "power" in such Associations to do their utmost to prevent the breakdown of the Nurses engaged in such toilsome and precarious work.

I HAVE much pleasure in announcing the appointment of Miss Alice Peck to the post of Matron to the Longton Cottage Hospital. Miss Peck received her training at and certificate from Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge. From thence she spent thirteen months as Night Superintendent at the Salisbury Infirmary, afterwards being appointed Matron of the Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne. Miss Peck then went, for family reasons, abroad, and on returning acted as *locum tenens* at the Bristol General Hospital, and whilst there was appointed Matron of the Bootle Borough Hospital, Liverpool, remaining there for two and a-half years, the committee expressing considerable regret at the loss of Miss Peck's services. I hear that there were not less than fifty-four applicants for the vacancy at Longton, which is still another evidence of the intense competition existing in the Nursing world. I am sure that Miss Peck will still further enhance her reputation for her administrative ability.

MISS PRYDE, of the Home for Ladies, No. 25, Avenue du Bois de Boulogne, Paris, writes me—*apropos* of Miss Veva Karsland's remarks in the "Women and their Work" columns of the issue of January 2—that she will be glad to see any Nurses when they want a little change, quiet and rest in Paris. Miss Pryde also favours me with copies of the annual report and balance sheets for 1887-8 and 1888-9, both of which are very satisfactory reading, and fully bear out the favourable remarks Miss Veva Karsland made upon the very excellent Institution under Miss Pryde's guidance.

AMONG the many dozens of congratulatory letters the Editor has received this season in respect to the *Nursing Record*, I give this extract from one sent by a subscriber, who says:—"I received the *Nursing Record* on Christmas Day. My fellow Nurses were all delighted with the Christmas number, and after amusing ourselves with the gifts and cards which had arrived by the same post, we had a quarter of an-hour's quiet enjoyment glancing through the various articles of interest, one of the Nurses reading aloud "The Season's Greetings," which we all thought very nice and kind. . . . I feel I must tell you how the

Christmas number has been appreciated and enjoyed by all our Nurses, and we wish the *Record* every success, and may it become widely known throughout the Nursing world."

I NOTICE that that energetic lady, Miss Homersham, one of the lecturers of the National Health Society, has been northwards lecturing at Glasgow in connection with the sanitary branch of the Kyrle Society of that city. Miss Homersham had a large and appreciative audience.

THE After-Care Association for poor and friendless female convalescents on leaving asylums for the insane, the secretary of which is H. Thornhill Roxby, Esq., Arden Lea, The Drive, Walthamstow, Essex, is making an appeal for funds, and is an association deserving every encouragement and support.

THE Board of Management of the British Home for Incurables also make an appeal for contributions, however small, in aid of the general funds of the charity, from which, besides providing for the inmates of the Home, over £6,000 a year is distributed among 300 incurable sufferers in all parts of the United Kingdom. From one of these pensioners the following letter to the Secretary has been received this month, showing how the assistance given by the Institution is appreciated:—"Dear Sir.—Having received the annuity a twelvemonth, I cannot forbear expressing my thanks for the benefits I have derived from it. It has enabled me to overcome many difficulties, and greatly relieved me from that carking care which destroys the enjoyment of life. If the subscribers could realize the real contentment the annuity confers on its recipients, they would feel amply repaid for their liberality. Hoping your excellent Institution may have increased support so as to aid still more sufferers,—I am, dear sir, yours sincerely, C. H. J." The Board having purchased a suitable freehold site at Norwood, ask for the sum of £15,000 to erect the New Home (rendered necessary by the expiration of the lease of the present premises), which will have every modern improvement for the care of patients, combined with strict economy as to building. As very many more applications are received than the Board can entertain, they trust that a liberal response will be made to enable them to give strength, sympathy, and shelter to the "helpless, hopeless, homeless." Contributions will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the Secretary, Mr. R. G. Salmond, at the offices, 73, Cheapside, E.C., or by the bankers, Messrs. Barclay, Bevan and Co., 54, Lombard Street, E.C.

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