

	£	s.	d.
6 Dusters	0	1	3
6 Dish Cloths	0	1	0
3 Yards of House Flannel	0	1	0
1 Jelly Bag	0	4	6
6 Oven Cloths	0	1	6
6 Dishing-up Cloths	0	2	6
4 Kitchen Table Cloths	0	10	0
4 Tray Cloths	0	4	6
4 Dresser Cloths	0	5	6
1 Ironing Blanket... ..	0	1	6
4 Chamois Leathers (2 for cleaning windows, 2 for cleaning plate, &c.)	0	4	6
TOTAL.			
Ironmongery (excluding stove and kitchener)	63	15	7
Wooden Utensils	2	6	9
Stoneware and Earthenware	8	15	7½
Cloths, &c.	2	15	9
Total Cost	£77	13	8½

NURSING ECHOES.

*** Communications (duly authenticated with name and address, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith) are especially invited for these columns.*

I AM asked to remind those of my readers who are Members of the General Council of the



British Nurses' Association, that the quarterly meeting of that body takes place on Friday, the 11th inst., at five p.m., at 20, Hanover Square, when the following important Agenda is advertised: (1) To receive reports from the Executive Committee; (2) to

authorise the institution of a Benevolent Fund; (3) to decide on rules for Registration; (4) to settle place and date of Annual Meeting, and other business. Truly, the meeting should be as interesting as its predecessors have been. Probably Members of the Association remember that by application to the Secretary they can obtain cards to hear the proceedings, even if they are not Members of the Council.

WEEKS ago I pointed out that the scheme of a Nurses' Mutual Registry could not succeed, and recently in printing two of the circulars I called attention to the fact that even the title of the new Society seemed still undecided. So as everyone may have their choice, apparently, we are going to call it the Nurses' Mutual Registry, or N.M.R. for distinctive brevity. Its "provisional rules" are to my mind most aptly named, inasmuch as the Nurse certainly has to "provide" everything for herself, as far as I can see—probably including employment. Because, considering that she has to pay for her board and lodging when out of

work, her uniform and washing in any case, and besides this, eighteenpence "the first year," and goodness only knows how much in future years, to the central office, out of every sovereign she earns, and collect her salary and travelling expenses herself, I suppose, from her patients, everything about the whole scheme is "provisional." A number of untrained women whom no good Institution will employ, will perhaps hasten to utilise the N.M.R., however. But good Nurses will hardly care to class themselves with this riff-raff, and will look upon the request that they should do so, as strikingly resembling the ancient invitation to "step into my parlour."

I HAVE just received the report for last year of the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, and most earnestly congratulate Miss Poole on the great results which she has achieved. It is only right, also, to give expression to the fact, well known in Dublin, that the rapid improvements which have taken place in the Adelaide Hospital are largely due to the energy and ability of Mr. Kendal Franks, the popular Surgeon and Hon. Secretary of the Hospital, to the great interest which he takes in Nursing, and to his earnest advocacy of improvements in Nursing matters. In connection with this I heard lately that this gentleman represents Dublin on the influential Registration Board for Nurses. But in relation to this report I should like to say one thing: If the Adelaide Hospital does not consider its Nurses qualified to receive their certificate until the end of their third year—in which principle I cordially concur—would it not be more fair to the public, and more to the real credit of the Hospital, if they were not sent out in their third year as Private Nurses? It seems to me—with all due deference to those who are doing such excellent work—that if the Nurses are *not* thoroughly efficient they ought not to be put to the responsible work of Private Nursing. If they are considered thoroughly efficient, then why should they not have their Certificate? If the Adelaide only sent out three years' Certificated Nurses—as for example St. Bartholomew's, and the Middlesex Hospitals do—I am sure it would have its reward in public estimation.

THE part of the report to which I refer is as follows: "During the earlier portion of last year the Nursing Department of the Hospital underwent a thorough and complete re-organisation, the whole being placed under the superintendence of Miss Poole, the Superintendent of Nurses, and a Sub-Committee was appointed, composed of an equal number of lay and Medical members, to supervise its management. The Nursing Establishment

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