

Nursing Echoes.

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MISS MARGERY HOMERSHAM will deliver three lectures and demonstrations on "Home Nursing" in the Lecture Room of St. Martin's Town Hall, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, June 8th, 10th and 12th, at 12 a.m. The subjects dealt with will be the administration of food and medicine, the application of poultices and fomentations, and how to prepare a simple

dietary for the sick.

THE Lincoln County Hospital is to be much congratulated upon its many friends, and the great interest taken in the Nursing Staff. A few weeks since a very good library was opened in the Nurses' sitting-room (by the Matron with a few appropriate words) for the sole use of the Nursing Staff. The books are encased in a handsome Japanese book-case, and consist of books both Medical and Surgical, books of reference, Biographies, History, and last but not least, Fiction, which have been subscribed for by many kind friends of the Hospital.

The librarians are Miss Swan and Miss H. Clements, whilst the custodian is Nurse Florence Sheppard, Head Nurse of the Ophthalmic Wards. About a year since, the same indefatigable ladies collected money for a piano for the Nurses' use, which is very much appreciated by them.

Definite rules are laid down for the library which is open every Monday and Friday evening, and it is needless to say the books often change hands.

WE have received a communication from the Matron of the Chelsea Infirmary to the effect that the man who recently complained at a Police Court of his treatment in that Institution has not been an inmate of the Infirmary. It is a pity that the denial was not at once sent to the daily press which gave such wide publicity to the case.

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RECENTLY Dr. W. T. Edwards presided over the usual monthly meeting of the Cardiff Infirmary Committee, when a revised scheme was submitted by the Nursing Committee for the better organisation of outdoor Nursing. The scheme involved the raising of the scale of pay for private Nurses, by giving them a percentage of the money received from persons attended. Another change in the rules of the Nursing Staff was that no Nurse should be sent out during her two years of probation.

These are steps in the right direction; but we hope the Nursing Committee will soon go a step further, and establish a three years' term of training before sending out their Nurses to undertake the responsibility of Nursing in private families.

AN extraordinary advertisement appears in the *East Anglican Times*, sanctioned by the Governors of the Leckford Hospital and Woodbridge Endowed Schools.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in consequence of a vacancy, the Governors intend to appoint from amongst the able-bodied poor women of Woodbridge, or the neighbourhood, who shall not be less than 40 nor more than 50 years of age, a NURSE for the HOSPITAL.

She will be required to attend and nurse the sick and infirm almsfolk, and to perform other services for the almsfolk, under the direction of the Paymaster, as the Governors shall direct.

A residence will be provided for her, and she will receive the usual allowance of clothing and fuel, and monthly wages at the rate of £30 per annum.

This will be a pleasant position, no doubt, for the person appointed, but it never seems to have occurred to the Governors that the sick and infirm almsfolk have the right to be nursed by some one whose qualifications are something beyond being "an able-bodied poor woman." There are many trained Nurses who would be glad to have such a position, and we only hope the Governors will pause and reconsider before exposing the sick poor under their care to the ministrations of an untrained person.

RECENTLY at a meeting of the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum Board, the action of a nurse, Miss Maud Vokes, who directly on receiving her wages had, without notice, left her duties, was considered. She wrote in extenuation of her conduct that she had been made miserable by the Matron and medical superintendent; and then went on to explain that she did not take up nursing for a living, but that while in the Asylum she did the best she could for the patients under her care, so that none of them ever complained of her.

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