

MISS EDLA R. WORTABET, to whom we had the pleasure, last week, of awarding the prize of One Guinea for her admirable notes on the Nursing of a case of ulcerative endocarditis has very kindly expressed a wish that the Guinea should be sent to Lady Henry Somerset's Fund for the relief of the Armenians. We have forwarded the amount to Mrs. Fenwick Miller, the Editor of *The Woman's Signal*, who is interesting herself very enthusiastically on behalf of these poor Armenians, and who is kindly acting as Treasurer to the *Woman's Signal* Fund.

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MISS HEATH, late Matron of Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge, and Miss Ryan, late Superintendent of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, at Camberwell, have opened a Nursing Home at Shrewsbury House, 99, Holland Road, Brixton, S.W., which we hope will be successful. Operation cases are taken, including slight cases requiring only a few hours after-care. Miss Ryan also pays daily Nursing visits to patients at their own homes.

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At the Louth Infirmary, Cork, the Nursing Staff is chosen and appointed by Miss Woodroffe, the founder and president of the Nursing Institution, Cork, who makes it a *sine qua non* only to take educated gentlewomen. Probationers pay a fee of £25 for two years, £5 being given on entrance, and the remainder at the end of the probationary three months, when the candidate is accepted as a Nurse. If she be not accepted the £5 is regarded as to some extent a compensation to the Hospital for her board and lodging.

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All the Nurses are instructed in invalid cookery, and attend lectures by the staff in medical, surgical, and hygienic subjects. The Sisters-in-Charge instruct the Probationers in practical Nursing and ward-work. An admirable provision is made whereby, on payment of an additional £5, the Nurses undergo three months' training at a fever Hospital. This is a step in the right direction, as without this, a Nurses "training" can hardly be said to be complete. We hope before very long that the full training of three years' will be enforced at the Louth Infirmary, Cork.

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THE Derry Guardians, in emulation of the action taken by the Roscommon Board, have adopted and sent to the Local Government Board, a resolution to the effect that the appointment of trained Nurses in Infirmaries being imperative, the salaries of these officials should be paid from Imperial sources.

THE Mitchellstown Board of Guardians are asking the Local Government Board to send an Inspector to confer with them as to the difficulty they have in retaining the trained Nurses they appoint. These Guardians should read their *NURSING RECORD*, which is constantly pointing out that until the Nurses' position in Workhouse Infirmaries is put on a more defined and satisfactory basis, these constant resignations will be the rule. We have also frequently recommended that if the large sums which Guardians are in the habit of expending on advertisements for fresh Nurses were employed in paying their staffs better, and giving them more comfort, the trained Nurse could easily be induced to "stay."

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A "MASTER," writing to the *Local Government Journal* on the subject of the authority which should be placed over trained Nurses in Workhouses, says: "So long as Workhouses are under one head, so long must Nurses be subordinate to their superiors in office. The fault lies with the Guardians in appointing unqualified Masters and Matrons." We fail to see how any "Master" can be qualified to superintend trained women Nurses.

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THE tenth Annual Report of the Barton-on-Humber District Nursing Society evidences the good work always done by it under the able Superintendency of Miss Dannatt. During the last year 114 patients were visited, the number of visits paid being 4,325. Besides this, patients are helped when necessary, with bed and body linen and the loan of invalid comforts. Instruction in sick cookery is also given to the friends of patients—this being a very great boon and help.

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THE Mayoress of Newcastle has arranged for a public Subscription Ball on November 3rd, in aid of the Fund she has started for the Nurses' Home. Already the temporary houses taken for the Nurses, have been furnished at a cost of nearly £500, and all the furniture has been chosen with a view to its being used in the new Infirmary.

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"HOSPITAL MATRON" writes: "The description given in last week's *RECORD* of the delights and temptations of a 'British Produce' dinner, prompt me to endeavour to help on the patriotic movement of Lord Winchilsea, and give my Hospital staff the real good nourishment afforded by food grown on rich English soil. I am writing to the Secretary to ask if special terms are made for Hospitals. Considering that our Institutions are largely maintained by the subscriptions of the British producer, I think

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