

AT the Third Sessional Lecture of the Royal British Nurses' Association, a lecture on Home Sanitation was delivered by Dr. Henry Kenwood. Dr. Calvert occupied the chair. The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides, which showed very clearly the various desirable and undesirable forms of drainage. Some illustrations of filters were also shown. The lecturer was of opinion that though many filters, notably the spongy iron filter, attained to a certain excellence, the only thoroughly reliable ones were the Pasteur and the Berkefeld. A vote of thanks was proposed at the conclusion of the lecture to Dr. Kenwood, by the Chairman, and carried with acclamation. A vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Miss A. J. Beatty, brought the proceedings to a close. There were about twenty-five persons present.

IT will interest some of our readers to learn that Sister Davis has resigned her position at the London Hospital, after twenty-four years' honourable and devoted service. We hope she will retire after all those years of hard work with a comfortable pension.

WE think it would be well that the present issue of the *London Hospital Gazette* should not fall into the literary maw of Mr. Hall Caine. We fear the description of Christmas Day as spent in this hospital might provide new and very undesirable copy. We cannot concede that so much junketing in the wards is desirable upon any excuse whatever, and we hope that in future the new Chairman will restrict the exuberance of the youthful medico, and his dramatic and musical friends, within limits.

MUCH feeling has been aroused in Nonconformist circles in Bournemouth, owing to an alleged imposition of a religious test upon probationary nurses at the Royal Victoria Hospital. We are glad to observe that the sentence in the type written circular, stating that intending probationers must be members of the Church of England, has been erased by the order of the committee, and to learn that such restrictions have not been enforced, as there are at least two members of the nursing staff who cannot be described as members of the Church of England. Such a regulation can only be justly enforced where the institution is supported alone by subscriptions from persons of one denomination.

EVERY effort is being made by those interested in the management of the Royal United Hospital at Bath, to improve the accommodation for the nurses. At present the only room in which the nurses can take their meals or spend their

leisure is in the basement. It is proposed to adapt the present chapel as a recreation room for the nursing staff, and to build a new chapel in another space. We hope the bazaar which was lately held to raise the necessary funds will result in an ample sum to meet the necessary expenses of carrying out the scheme, in the best manner, being handed over to the Hospital authorities.

MISS BISSELL, who is a registered nurse and a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, has opened a Home in the most healthy part of Margate for convalescents and private boarders. The house is close to the sea, and probably many of our readers, who desire for themselves, or for their patients, a change of air and scene, will be glad to hear of a home of this kind where, instead of the ordinary landlady, with whom we are familiar in seaside lodgings, they will find a thoroughly trained nurse supervising the domestic arrangements. All particulars respecting terms, &c., may be obtained from Miss Bissell, Lynton Villa, Harold Road, Cliftonville, Margate.

IN a recent issue we drew attention to the inadequate nursing staff at the Worcester Workhouse Infirmary, criticism which was brought before the Board by a Guardian, when the opinion was expressed that the matter was urgent. We regret, therefore, to learn that the consideration of this important matter has been postponed until after the appointment of the new Board in April. We hope that Mr. Morris, who appears to have a more able grasp of the nursing question than his fellow Guardians, will not be content to allow the present most unsatisfactory arrangements to continue.

WE are entirely in sympathy with the Bedford Board of Guardians concerning their condemnation of a Nurse Lyon, who, having accepted the position of nurse at the Bedford Workhouse Infirmary, promptly borrowed £1 to pay her return fare, and then calmly wrote to the Guardians that she had accepted another engagement, and proceeded to ask for the return of her testimonials and an extra 17s., the expenses of her visit to Bedford.

WE quite agree with Mr. Hull "that it was time the Board stopped this kind of thing. It seemed to him very much like getting money under false pretences."

MR. ELL expressed the opinion "that the unfortunate part of the business was that having passed a resolution, the Board hadn't the

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