

Nursing Echoes.

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LADY WANTAGE recently presided over a meeting of nurses belonging to the Mary Adelaide Institution, when several members were presented with medals for proficiency. A resolution of sympathy with Her Royal Highness on her recent illness, and of congratulation upon her recovery, was carried unanimously.

THE annual meeting of the Kensington District Nursing Association was recently held in the Council Chamber of the Kensington Town Hall. The Marquis of Lorne, K.G., was in the chair, and Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise was present. The committee regret the loss of their chairman, the Rev. the Hon. E. C. Glyn, by his removal on his appointment to the Bishopric of Peterborough. The Association owes much both to the Bishop and to Lady Mary Carr-Glyn, and their kindly interest and advice will be much missed. The Marquis of Lorne, in the course of his remarks, said that he would like to refer to the work of the nurses amongst the Greeks during the recent war as an example of the good work done by nurses.

WE have pleasure in announcing that the Prize of £1 1s. offered for the best notes of the Nursing Treatment and progress of a case, has been awarded to Miss K. S. Clark, M.R.B.N.A., for her notes of "A Typical Case of Enteric Fever with Complications," which we publish in another column. The notes sent by Miss Wortabet on "An Obscure Uterine Malignant Growth" are also highly commended.

THE Camberwell Workhouse in Havil Street has been declared unfit for habitation, and is to be pulled down. It appears that the building (which, when the new Workhouse in Constance Street was built, was discarded until the Infirmary became overcrowded, when it was again taken into use), swarmed with rats, which to the terror of the children used to scamper over the beds. The nurses also used to lie awake half the night from fright, the nightly visitations of these vermin being more than those possessed of the strongest nerves could bear with equanimity.

Dr. Partridge, a member of the Infirmary Committee, stated in an interview with a *Daily Mail* reporter that when the Havil Street premises were re-inhabited the occupants from the very first had to live in a horrible atmosphere, and illness was prevalent. He also added that he did not hesitate to tell the Guardians that the existing state of things could not be permitted to continue, as if they sent sick paupers to such a place they would be "licensed murderers of the poor."

Even Guardians draw the line somewhere, and a temporary iron building to accommodate 120 patients is to be erected, and a house leased in Brunswick Square for the use of 16 nurses.

We are glad to observe that the Hackney Board of Guardians have obtained the sanction of the Local Government Board to offer the charge nurses in their infirmary a commencing salary of £30 per annum, rising £1 a year to a maximum of £36, instead of £26, rising to £32, which is the present rate of payment. The Guardians have decided to take this step owing to the difficulty they experience in obtaining nurses of the right stamp.

At an inquest held at Tipton on a man (a furnace-keeper who had been badly burned) who died in the Guest Hospital, a witness gave evidence that the deceased man had told him that he was not comfortable there. He liked the doctors well enough, but the nurses complained of his disturbing the clothes by rolling in the bed in his agony. We feel confident that the nurses will be able to satisfactorily clear themselves from the imputation of lack of sympathy, and of having caused discomfort to a dying man as inferred in the above statement. The insistence upon ward neatness can undoubtedly be carried too far.

THE committee of the Nottingham and Notts Nursing Association were able to show a record of good work done at the annual meeting recently held at the Nottingham Exchange. The Association consists of two branches, one of which supplies trained nurses to those who can afford to pay, and the other provides district nurses gratuitously to the sick poor. The district nurses now number twelve, the increase of work having necessitated the engagement of a twelfth nurse during the past year. We notice with regret, however, that the subscriptions to the fund of the district nursing branch have not increased at the same rate as the work, and it is estimated that unless more subscriptions are received, the next balance sheet will show a deficit of at least £78. Only fully-trained nurses are employed both on the district and

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