

during the period of the author's experience, which extended over 40 years. This is detailed, first by a Retrospect of Literature, Correspondence and History, from 1850 to the present time, followed by Diaries of personal experience as Visitor, and Guardian of the Poor, in a London, and a country Union. The present condition of Poor Law Institutions is then described by various competent persons, both in the Metropolis, and in the country, concerning the deficiencies that still exist in their management. Suggestions, following upon these statements, are then made with regard to the future, together with a discussion of the new "Order for Nursing," issued by the Local Government Board.

Finally, a Paper on "Out-relief" is re-printed from a former publication, as bearing upon the question of "Pauperism" in an important degree. One, at least, of the main objects of the author, is, as is stated in the preface, to press and enforce her conviction of the part which women are called upon to take in carrying out the Poor Law; whether as Guardians, Visitors, or even sharing the work of the Officers, in certain departments, the "Communion of Labour," being a principle advocated throughout the pages of this book.

It is with much pleasure that we learn that Miss C. S. Wilkie, Lady Superintendent of St. Luke's Hospital, Halifax, whose admirable paper on Workhouse Nursing read before the Yorkshire Poor Law Conference, was recently reviewed in these columns, is to read a paper on the same subject in London at the Central Poor Law Conference, which meets at the Guildhall on February 16th and 17th.

At a recent meeting of the Walsall Board of Guardians it was pointed out in a circular from the Norwich Union that nurses employed in workhouse infirmaries where there was no resident medical man were not eligible for positions as Superintendent Nurses, and it was suggested that the Local Government Board be petitioned to institute an examination to qualify nurses trained in the smaller infirmaries. It was unanimously resolved by the Walsall Guardians to support the Norwich petition.

We have more than once stated our belief that, if the Local Government Board instituted a uniform examination for the nurses trained in the infirmaries under its control, this would tend greatly to raise their standard of nursing. We therefore see with the greatest satisfaction that this matter is being considered and approved by Guardians. The certificate awarded after examination by a Central Board would have much value!

## Appointments.

### MATRON.

THE post of Matron and visiting nurse in connection with Kelso Dispensary having become vacant by the resignation of Miss Robinson, the directors of the institution have conferred the appointment upon Miss L. K. Carson, who has now entered upon her duties. Miss Carson was trained for her profession at the Nursing Institution in connection with the City of Dublin Hospital, from which she holds a four years' certificate testifying to her ability to attend on both medical and surgical cases. After completing her training, she continued for several years in this institution, where for a time she temporarily held the responsible position of staff nurse. When in August 1897, a serious outbreak of typhus fever occurred in the island of Inneskea, on the West of Ireland, Miss Carson was one of a heroic band of eleven nurses who volunteered to go and tend the stricken patients. The epidemic proved very fatal, and no fewer than five of the nurses, including Miss Carson, caught the fever, as did also the doctor attached to the staff. Fortunately, however, they all recovered, although several of them were dangerously ill. For the part she took in this noble errand of mercy Miss Carson was awarded the Medal of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, which is a high and much coveted honour. She is also an Honorary Serving Sister of the Order of St. John. For the last ten months she has been employed at the Royal Institution, Queen Street, Edinburgh.

### SISTER-HOUSEKEEPER.

MISS MARIAN THOMPSON has been appointed Sister-Housekeeper at the Royal Hospital for Children, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol. Miss Thompson received her training at the General Hospital, Birmingham, and subsequently acted as Matron of Sir Titus Salt's Hospital, Shipley, and Night-Superintendent at the Burton-on-Trent Infirmary.

### HOME SISTER.

MISS LUCY MURRAY has been appointed Home-Sister at the Belfast Nurses' Home, Frederic Street, Belfast. Miss Murray was trained at the Leeds General Infirmary and has acted as Charge-Nurse at the Grantham Hospital, and the General Infirmary, Aylesbury, and as Night-Superintendent at the Clayton Hospital, Wakefield.

### SISTER.

MISS MARGARET URQUHART has been appointed Sister at St. Saviour's Infirmary, Dulwich. Miss Urquhart received her training at Charing Cross Hospital, and has held the position of Sister at the Victoria Hospital, Broadstairs.

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