

Nursing Echoes.

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A MOST interesting wedding is to take place between Mr. Howard Marsh, F.R.C.S., Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and Miss Violet S. Dalrymple-Hay, until recently a Sister in the same institution, and now Assistant Matron at the Parkwood Convalescent Home, Swanley. Mr. Howard Marsh is a very popular member of the staff

at St. Bartholomew's, and Miss Dalrymple-Hay is notable as having gained the gold medal of her year, so that the engagement has caused considerable stir, and many good wishes are expressed.

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THE times move on, and one by one the Matrons of our hospitals discover that their sole duty does not consist in superintending nursing and domestic arrangements, with as much privacy as may be, but that they also have other responsibilities; and so we find that recently at Guy's Hospital the award of medals and prizes to first year probationers, as well as of the Butterworth medals for five years' work to several nurses and sisters, was made an occasion for a public function, and the Matron, Miss Nott Bower, for the first time, we believe, in the annals of the hospital, publicly addressed the nursing staff. We hope the function thus inaugurated will be an annual one, and also that other hospital Matrons will institute a similar custom. When will a British Matron follow the example set by our American colleagues, and invite the Superintendent of Nursing in another hospital to address her nursing staff? Such an interchange of amenities could be productive of nothing but good, and would tend to break down the isolation which at present, without doubt, exists in the various training schools.

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WE notice in the report of St. Luke's House, a Home for the Dying Poor, at 50, Osnaburgh St., Regent's Park, an appreciation of Miss Henrietta J. Hawkins, who last year was appointed Matron. "Miss Hawkins," says the Medical Superintendent, "who comes to us with a most excellent record of good work done, has taken the post of Matron, and I need only say now that in the four months' work she has rendered, she has

fully justified the wisdom of our choice, and we congratulate ourselves on having obtained the services of one who appears so well qualified to fill a very responsible and rather difficult position."

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MR. F. R. HUMPHREYS, of the Midwives' Bill Committee, draws our attention to the fact that in our issue of April 8th we spoke, in dealing with the Midwives' Bill, of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the General Medical Council, instead of the British Medical Association. We are obliged to Mr. Humphreys for drawing attention to this inaccuracy, and take this opportunity of correcting it.

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NURSE CLARK, who with Nurse Powell and Nurse Nutt, has recently returned from service in West Africa with the frontier force, describes the hospitals erected for the use of Europeans in the higher territories as primitive wooden buildings with corrugated iron roofs. They are gradually being well equipped and furnished. The English nurses nursed Europeans only, the native troops being cared for by men of the Army Hospital Corps. Nurses Powell and Nutt suffered a good deal from fever, an eventuality which no one who goes to tropical Africa can hope to escape. The nurses had no thrilling jungle experiences to relate as when for a time they worked eight hundred miles inland up the river Niger, it was considered safer to take them to their post in river boats. Indeed, they found life in Africa so uneventful that they were glad to be at home again.

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THREE nurses, Miss Ward, Miss Isabel Carter, and Miss Nevill, leave Liverpool for West Africa to-day in the "Sokota" for work on the Niger in connection with the West African Frontier Force. The appointment is a military one, and holds good for a year, at the end of which time they have three months' leave on full pay, which is at the rate of £120 per annum. These nurses will probably be stationed at Lokoja, on the Niger, but may be sent on to Jebba, which is further up the river.

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THE London Chamber of Commerce in a report recently issued, has made most serious accusations against the medical profession, amongst others of receiving secret commissions from undertakers, to whom they recommend the families of their deceased patients. The President of the Council of the British Medical Association has called its attention to the matter, with the result that the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That the attention of the Council has been called to grave general accusations impugning the

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