

## Nursing Echoes.

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THE Local Government Board for Ireland has announced its intention of opening a Register for Trained Nurses and of giving a certificate testifying to the fact of this registration. This resolve on the part of the Irish Local Government Board is noteworthy as evidence of the need which is being widely felt for a professional Register for trained nurses. It is a significant fact that the announcement appears the same week as that of the suppression of the Register of the Royal British Nurses' Association. We draw the attention of our readers to the advertisement on this subject in another column.

As several of our readers express a wish for a literal translation of the Diploma written in Greek, awarded with the Red Cross Medal, to the English Sisters who nursed the wounded during the war, we have pleasure in publishing it:

## "HER MAJESTY

The Queen of the Greeks has been pleased to assign to Mistress — in recognition of services on behalf of those wounded in war, during the year 1897, the Commemorative Distinction of the Red Cross.

In evidence whereof this Diploma is given.

Athens, Dec. 21st, 1898.  
Her Majesty's Chamberlain,  
D. MESSALAS."

Our interpreter adds:—

"Greeks"—The Greek word is Hellenes.

"Mistress"—Perhaps the old-fashioned word best translates "Kyrianere."

"Commemorative Distinction"—Perhaps the more usual phrase in English "Distinguished Order" would express the meaning.

"Chamberlain"—The Greek word means "Guardian of the Keys."

THANKS to the *London Hospital Gazette* for reprinting Miss Lina Mollett's beautiful little appeal "for an organised effort for truth, and perfection in the care of the weak and suffering . . . claiming as its nation the wide world of those who cry for help . . . a power that shall blend Governments and races by the holy right of humanity."

No class of women require breadth of view and depth of conviction more than trained nurses—and

the tendency of the teaching in our nursing schools is to make the pupils of each school believe that there is but one hospital and one training school, and that they are the "elect" of the great Sisterhood of Nursing!!

INDEED, such teaching is but food for babes, and this little world a mere speck in an unmeasurable universe, is all too small for much fulfilment; yet beyond "is the divine instinct," and we must make use of "spiritual eyes."

WE cannot believe that the Editor of the *London Hospital Gazette* intended to be "smart" at the expense of such teaching.

THE Lord and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham, Alderman and Mrs. Beale, are to be congratulated on the success of the reception given by them at the Council House to the nurses of the city. Some 650 invitations were issued, not a certificated nurse being over-looked. All the nurses were in uniform, and as all the hospitals, as well as the district nursing associations, and the private institutions were represented, the varied and pretty uniforms added greatly to the charm and picturesqueness of the gathering. The proceedings were thoughtfully arranged, so that every nurse could avail herself of the invitation. The first reception took place at 6.30, and the second at 9.30, so that the nurses who came at the earlier hour were able to return when necessary to the wards, and to relieve their colleagues who had been left on duty. The Council House was charmingly decorated with flowering plants, Japanese maples, spireas, azaleas, hydrangeas, daffodils, roses and other flowers. Music, conjuring, and other amusements were provided for the guests, and supper was served in the long room. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and it was evident that the guests of the evening thoroughly appreciated the generous hospitality of the Lord and Lady Mayoress, and the public honour accorded to them.

THE Lady Mayoress of Liverpool recently visited the Ladies' Charity and Lying-in Hospital in that city, and expressed herself much interested in all the arrangements. It was explained to her that by far the larger part of the work was the out-door department in connection with which district midwives attended women in their own homes. The midwives now pay twelve visits to each patient, instead of four, which was the former rule, and the charity has extended its work to the enlarged area of Greater Liverpool. The Countess of Derby has accepted the Presidency of the Charity.

THE Gorey Board of Guardians find, like many other Boards, a great difficulty in securing the

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