

## Nursing Echoes.

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THE London Hospital was *en fête* on Thursday the 19th, when the New Club Union Rooms, Garden and Fives Court in connection with the Medical College, were inaugurated at the annual distribution of prizes to students and probationers in the Library of the Hospital, by Mr. Frederick Treves. Mr. Sydney Holland mentioned that, out of 104 nurses, 103 who went in for the examination passed, and Mr. Treves spoke in praise of the nursing at the hospital, and in presenting the first prize, which was a cheque, to Nurse Ethel Mary Cauty, did so in one of the Queen's chocolate boxes which has been given to him by a soldier who had carried it in his haversack for thirteen days during the dismal days before they got into Ladysmith. Nurse Mary Meager Southcott took the second prize, and Nurse Gwendoline Yates Grant third prize, and thirty-four other nurses received certificates.

INCIDENTLY, Mr. Treves supported our contention for trained women nurses being sent well to the front in war time. He said recently in South Africa he had experience of what the nurses had done. In Movable Hospital No. 4 they marched with the column—with the Headquarters and "pulled out" no less than six times. They had four nurses, and those were the only four who positively were out within the actual range of fire. Two of these nurses, he was happy to say, were London Hospital nurses. The names of the nurses to whom he had referred were Nurse Tarr and Nurse Salmon.

THE Annual Report of the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum District for the year ending Lady Day, 1900, is very satisfactory, and the nursing department appears in a healthy and progressive condition. Seventy-one candidates for the office of Probationer have applied during the year, of whom 29 were appointed.

AMONGST the resignations are included the two Assistant Matrons, the Misses Inglis and Polden; the former resigned on her appointment as

Matron of the Leeds Infirmary, and the latter on being appointed Matron of the Royal United Hospital at Bath.

OF the nurses who left the Managers' service during the year, five resigned in order to go abroad (three to Algiers and two to Greece). Of these, three were originally probationers in the Asylum, and gained both their nursing experience and certificates whilst in the Managers' service.

WITH reference to the training of the Probationer Nurses, the Managers have, during the year, established a cookery class, and engaged the services of a Teacher from the Technical Education Board of the London County Council, for the purpose of giving the necessary instruction in this branch of hospital training. The Managers state that they have every reason to be satisfied with the result of the introduction of this new feature into the curriculum of the nurses' study.

DURING the year the Managers have also, with the consent of the Local Government Board, revised the salaries of the head nursing staff, and increased them materially.

THEY have in contemplation other improvements which will, when carried out, add to the usefulness and efficiency of the Hospital.

ON Saturday afternoon the 21st inst., over 40 Sisters and Nurses from the General Hospital, Birmingham, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Barling at their residence, Southbourne, Edgbaston. Mr. Barling is one of the surgeons of the General Hospital, a member of the Nursing Committee, and always a keen promoter of the welfare of the nurses. A large four-horse omnibus was provided for taking the party to and fro. Refreshments were served on arrival in the pretty grounds, and games were soon in full swing, the shooting gallery in the billiard-room being a great attraction and amusement. There was keen competition for the pretty prizes in the final heats. At tea-time the party divided, some going to the drawing-room for a short concert, which was repeated later to the others. The weather was all that could be desired, and Mr. and Mrs. Barling were untiring in their efforts to give pleasure to their guests. The party left at 7 p.m. in their large carriage, after spending a very enjoyable afternoon.

IT is interesting to note that three of Mr. Barling's sisters are trained nurses, one having greatly distinguished herself by gaining her certificate and the Gold Medal of her year at

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