

Nursing Echoes.

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WE beg to acknowledge, with gratitude, a cheque for £1 from Miss Medland, Caversham, for Sir Julian Goldsmid's Home of Rest for Nurses.

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THE Matrons of Guy's Hospital seem here to-day and gone to-morrow. It is not satisfactory. Upon resigning so important a

position in the nursing world, it would silence gossip which is injurious to the Hospital, if the reason for such action were made public.

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DURING the past fortnight we have received ninety-eight voting papers re State Registration of Nurses—ninety-seven for and one against, so that the average of voting still stands at over a hundred to one.

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It is interesting in this connection to analyse the returns, and to prove thereby that in the opinion of trained nurses the desire for legal status is very widespread where individual nurses are concerned, and where they are free from institutional influence, as the following distribution of voters will show.

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VOTING papers have been received from nurses resident in the following towns:—London, 10; Edinburgh, 5; Glasgow, 4; Dublin, Bristol, Liverpool and Birmingham, 3; Halifax, Nottingham, Cambridge, Manchester, York, Rochester and Southampton, 2; and 1 each from Hull, Canterbury, Hertford, Epsom, Slough, Bath, Peterborough, Derby, Dartmouth, Bromley, Wolstanton, Yarmouth, Saffron Walden, Sidcup, Bradford, Halesowen, Caterham, Greenwich, Hendon, Brighton, Carlisle, Lynton, Exmouth, Woodford Green, Shanklin, Leicester, Gloucester, Stoke-on-Trent, Shrewsbury, Hitchin, St. Anne's-on-Sea, Knutsford, Banbury, Ipswich, Newmarket, Darenth, Folkestone, Chesterfield, Farnham, Tunbridge Wells, Cheltenham, Eastbourne, Tenby, Bala, Bangor, Kelso, Aberdeen, Limerick, Rathroath, and Philadelphia. The one vote opposing registration came from Hull.

THIS is very valuable testimony of the educational value of a professional journal. A vote taken in hospitals, or nursing institutions, would, we have no doubt, be of less value, as experience proves that nurses are necessarily—at least in this country—less independent both in thought and action when under authority, and that such a vote would probably largely result in the nurses voting almost *en bloc* according to the opinions and advice of their superior officers.

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MISS JOSEPHINE DE PLEDGE has resigned the position of Matron to the Chelsea Infirmary. She is to be married at an early date to Mr. Charles Latter, a member of the Board of Guardians. This appears to us a happy solution to the numerous difficulties which have constantly arisen between the medical and nursing departments at this institution during Miss de Pledge's term of office, and which have resulted in so much friction and bitterness in the conduct of its affairs.

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WE have heard the Chelsea Board of Guardians described by one of its members as "a tuppenny Tammany," as its business is so largely conducted on party lines. Political partisanship is inevitably demoralising in dealing with domestic affairs, and must be disastrous to the maintenance of discipline in any infirmary. It is to be hoped that the "cock pit" attitude of officials, and their respective "backers" on the Board, will be sternly discouraged by all self-respecting Guardians in the future, and that harmonious relations may be re-established between the senior officers—resulting in the efficient conduct of business—and the happiness of those under their care and direction.

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AN arrangement which appears to us admirable has been in vogue at the North-Eastern Hospital for Children at Hackney for eighteen years. The probationers of this hospital attend the Surgical and Medical Lectures of one of the leading general hospitals in London, and thus receive theoretical instruction from eminent teachers. Moreover, Miss Curnow, the Matron, began her nursing classes for nurses as far back as 1878, which she has ably conducted until the present time.

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THE Central Poor-Law Conference will be held at the Guildhall for two days, opening on the 21st of February.

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TIME was when a nurse was sure of respect, even from the mob. However, in these Hooligan days, it appears her uniform is no

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