

the wide circulations of which have in both cases been built up under the editorship of trained nurses, to prove that nurses are to be found capable of undertaking these important positions.

LEAGUE JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL SOUTH HANTS NURSES.

Turning once more to our own country, we have before us the second number of the *League Journal* of the Royal South Hants Nurses' League. Admirably edited and printed it is. The article of greatest interest is "One View of Registration," in which the President of the League, Miss Mollett, has dealt in her customary lucid and able manner with the question.

A letter from Mrs. Macdonald, a member of the League resident in British Central Africa, shows that it goes far afield on its mission of uniting the members of the school.

CHELSEA INFIRMARY NURSES' JOURNAL.

There is also before us the second number of the *Chelsea Infirmary Nurses' Journal*. We must own that our pleasure in reading a journal is considerably augmented when it is printed on good paper and the type is good. Both of these conditions are fulfilled by the journal before us, which is most admirably produced.

We note with pleasure that the Journal quotes from the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* an account of the discussion on State Registration for Trained Nurses which took place when we had pleasure in addressing the Debating Society on the subject. We are glad at all times to be quoted by the League Journals, but, well as we know the difficulty of entire accuracy in editing a journal, and the strange ways of "printers' devils," we must plead for our full title of the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* in such quotations, for we are proud of that word "British."

The Journal is brightly written and very interesting, and we congratulate the members on a publication so well arranged and edited.

Nursing the Irish Poor.

The Countess of Mayo suggests that those ladies who were instrumental in collecting money in 1901 in Ireland for the "Women's Memorial to Queen Victoria" should now ask for small subscriptions in their different counties towards Lady Dudley's Fund for establishing and assisting to maintain nurses in the poorest districts in Ireland. Lady Mayo writes:—"From personal experience, I know the inestimable boon a district nurse is to the poor. Not only by careful nursing and advice do they shorten the days of illness, thus saving time as well as money to the sufferer and family, but they teach the general knowledge of health and sanitation."

Nursing Echoes.

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Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll) has, owing to previous engagements, postponed her visit to the new Military Hospital at Alton until some time in June, when it is hoped everything will be in full working order.

We learn that several Matrons of important hospitals are making inquiries as to the organisation of Nurses' Leagues, with the view of encouraging the nurses to form them. This is good, and demonstrates the desirability of a central committee, in touch with all the Leagues, which would be able to supply information to all who are anxious to acquaint themselves with the constitutions and regulations of Leagues which have already had practical experience.

No one who has known the history of the London Hospital for the last twenty years can read the report of the dinner given by the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House on Monday last without a thrill of satisfaction. Look on this picture and on that! We heartily congratulate the moving spirit of progress and reform, Mr. Sydney Holland, the Chairman, who has swept away by the force of his wonderful energy the old order of things, and, we presume, has convinced the disciples of *non possumus* that finality and perfection are not of this world.

Mr. Holland pointed out that the hospital had seriously drawn upon its investments in order to meet its current expenditure, and that there was a danger of it closing its doors within the next five years unless the public made good the deficiency. Ninety thousand pounds a year was necessary in order to continue the work of this, the greatest hospital in the kingdom.

It is preposterous to imagine that the entire reorganisation of an institution the size of the London Hospital can be accomplished without enormous expenditure. But what is mere money in comparison with the result, if it is well spent?

We are glad to note that Mr. Holland is receiving great encouragement. It was announced that £127,000 had been received in response to the

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