

Nursing Echoes.

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It must be gratifying to the authorities of Queen Charlotte's Hospital that the value of its certificates is so widely recognised. The Empress of Germany had a Queen Charlotte's nurse at the birth of the Crown Prince, and the Queen of Italy, when the Princess Yolanda and the Princess Magalda were born, and also when the recent advent of the little Prince of Piedmont was such a cause of national rejoicing, had nurses trained in that institution.

On Wednesday (26th) the first of a course of post-graduate lectures for the benefit of nurses trained at "Guy's" was inaugurated at the hospital, the subject being "First Aid," given by Miss Brereton, a late Sister at Guy's, and a member of the Army Nursing Service Reserve, who acted on the Concentration Camps Commission. The lectures will be given on Wednesday evenings during November on the following subjects:—On "Tropical Diseases," by Miss M. B. Wood, Sister, Government Hospital, Old Calabar, Southern Nigeria; on "District Nursing," by Miss E. M. Newton, Lady Superintendent Nurses' Home, Ipswich; on "Mental Diseases," by Miss A. Oxley, Matron Bethel Hospital, Norwich; "Sanitation of Dwellings, &c.," by Mrs. Lyndon, late Inspector of Nuisances and Sister of Guy's Hospital; and "Fever and Infectious Diseases," by Miss M. Trill, Matron Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford.

As these post-graduate lectures proved so popular last year, further additions have been made, and instruction in Swedish drill and massage is given by a qualified Sister; the course takes six months, and the examination will be held in February. Sisters and nurses in their third year are eligible.

We understand that Miss Irene Hardy, Matron of the West London Hospital, Hammersmith, who has held this position for many years, has resigned her appointment. We hope she will for long enjoy the leisure days, to which no doubt she looks forward with anticipation.

Since the opening of the new Nurses' Home in connection with the General Hospital, Birmingham,

many eligible candidates have hesitated to train there owing to the system of ventilation, which was maintained with closed windows. We are glad to hear that fear of a lack of fresh air need not now deter those anxious for training in this fine hospital, as plenty of fresh air is now available in the Home through open windows. We own we approve of this primitive method of house construction, however unscientific it may be considered.

The Commissioners of Prisons, in their report for the year ending March 31st, 1904, state that a new departure has been made at Holloway Prison this year in a scheme for the regular provision of lectures on secular subjects, such as health, nursing, sanitation, &c. These lectures are given by ladies who generously give their services. They are greatly appreciated by the prisoners, who look upon them not only as a reward for good conduct, but as a source of useful instruction. A similar scheme has also been initiated in several of the larger provincial prisons. As so often happens, the system of lectures which has now received official recognition was initiated by private enterprise, Miss Smith-Rossie, Health Lecturer to the Hants County Council, having given a course of such lectures with much success to the female convicts in Portsmouth Prison.

Nurse Dare, one of the nurses of the Eton Infirmary, has been warmly thanked by the Guardians for her courageous action when an aged inmate recently escaped on to the roof. The nurse followed and held him there until assistance arrived. The Guardians decided to present the nurse with a guinea, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, and to give the two men who went to her assistance half a pound of tobacco each.

Nurse Farley, a Charge Nurse at the Bow Infirmary, has also received a letter from the Guardians at the Bow Infirmary, complimenting her on her action in saving a child. The steam tent in which the child was being nursed caught fire, and the nurse with great promptitude rescued the child—who escaped unhurt—and put out the fire.

The Central Midwives' Board has formally intimated to the Governors of the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, its intention to ask the Privy Council to modify the rules so as to permit that hospital to be placed on the register of institutions whose certificate will be accepted. Mr. E. Hastings Tweedy, the Master of the Rotunda Hospital, explains that the settlement arrived at has been in the form of a compromise satisfactory to everyone. The excellence of the training given at the Rotunda Hospital is well known in the nursing world, and we are glad that the authorities have arrived at a satisfactory settlement with the Midwives' Board.

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