

Nursing Echoes.

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We understand that Miss Sidney Browne, R.R.C., late Matron-in-Chief of the Military Nursing Service, is a member of the Committee for the selection of nurses in connection with the Countess of Minto's scheme for providing private nurses for India. We are glad that the Committee have secured the services of an expert.

The following ladies have been elected members of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses:—The Misses L. L. Butler, B. E. Cooper, M. B. Davies, C. L. Haswell, E. Holden, H. Hooten, E. Jefferson, H. J. MacCormac, M. E. Maclean, M. C. Martin, E. Nicholson, A. Simpkin, M. K. Steele, M. G. Weetman, R. Willink.

At the Poor Law Conference for the South Eastern and Metropolitan Poor Law Divisions at the United Service Institution last week, at which Mr. E. H. Wodehouse, C.B., presided, Miss Amy Hughes, General Superintendent of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses read a paper on the Nursing of the Outdoor Poor, in the course of which she laid emphasis upon the necessity of full training such as Queen's nurses possess, and said that experience had led to the establishment of special training and expert supervision of the nurses as essential principles of success. Under the Local Government Board Order of 1892, Boards of Guardians might appoint district nurses and make regulations for the performance of their duties under the direction of district medical officers. Advantage has been taken of the Order in a number of unions, but as no special training and no expert nursing supervision were given the results have not been altogether satisfactory, and in two large unions in Lancashire and Yorkshire, where the plan had had a fair trial, it had been discontinued in favour of contributing to the local associations where Queen's nurses were employed. Grants from the guardians to the Institute and other associations for

these purposes would complete a scheme to bring skilled nursing to the poorest of the people. Fundamental principles which made the Queen's Institute nurses generally acceptable were that they were not allowed to become almoners, and they were strictly forbidden to interfere in any way with the religious opinions of the patients or of members of their families.

The Mayor of Bradford presided last week at a large gathering in the out-patient hall of the Royal Infirmary in that town, when the Mayoress (Mrs. J. A. Goodwin) presented gold and silver badges to the probationers and nurses who had attained the highest number of marks in the recent examination. Besides Mr. H. Behrens, Chairman of the House Committee, members of the medical staff, and others, there were present: Miss Hodges (Matron), Miss Massey (Assistant Matron), Miss McCarthy (Matron of the Woodlands Convalescent Home), Miss Woodhouse (Matron of the Children's Hospital), Miss Jenkins (Matron of the Eye and Ear Hospital), Miss Margill (Matron of the District Nursing Institution) Miss Brooke (Matron of the Bierley Hall Hospital).

The Mayoress, in presenting the badges, said that no words of hers could duly accentuate the importance of training in medical and surgical nursing. She held a very high opinion of district nursing. Nurses had the greatest opportunity given to any women in the world, although their life was not of the most comfortable character. She then presented gold medals to Miss Dennison and Miss Jameson, and silver medals to Miss Heward and Miss Redfern.

The report submitted by Dr. Eurich, one of the examiners, bore testimony to the diligence which the nurses had displayed in order to profit by the course of lectures, and to their keen interest in the demonstrations.

"Nurse Miller," who has been committed for trial on three charges of illegal treatment in a Maternity Home at Leeds, appeared again last week before the Leeds Stipendiary on a further charge.

"Dr." Craythorne, implicated in the case, it will be remembered, committed suicide by taking poison after his arrest, and it is interesting to note that Chief Detective Bates told the Stipendiary during the enquiry that Craythorne's name did not appear in the Medical Register.

But how about any woman accused of the most horrible crimes? Now, she may and often does call herself a nurse—and there is no law to protect the members of our honourable profession being classed with her. The need for a

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