

### Nursing Echoes.

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The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses on the 11th October will be held at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W., instead of at the office. Excavating and building operations are in full force on the ground floor at 431, Oxford Street, the noise of which is very

disturbing to business.

The Queen, who takes a warm interest in the relief of suffering, has recently become the President of The Queen Alexandra League of Children to Help Poor Crippled Children, formed in connection with the Lord Mayor's Cripples' Fund. The Lord Mayor has received a letter from her Majesty expressing her great satisfaction at the result of the Fête held in the summer in connection with the above fund, and her interest in the special effort now being made to raise the additional sum of £10,000, which is still required to complete the Endowment Fund for the Home and College at Alton, and expressing her sincere wish for its success.

Once more, with renewed energy, after the recent holidays, Matrons, Sisters, and Nurses are settling down to the winter's work. Medical schools re-open at the beginning of October with some pomp and ceremony, with inaugural lectures and dinners. The new courses of lectures for nurses begin more quietly, but, none the less is there hard work before the probationers, who hope to obtain the certificates which mean to them the power of self-support. Very often it must be added the support of others, too, for it is very noticeable that when a nurse is earning by her own exertions an income which any man would disdain for the same amount of work, how many relatives, male and female, there are who are ready to help her to spend that income.

We are asked to state that all enquiries as to the Farewell Meeting of the Nurses' Missionary League, to be held at University Hall, Gordon Square, on October 8th, should be addressed to Miss Richardson, the Hon. Secretary *pro tem.*, at 52, Lower Sloane Street, S.W., not to University Hall.

About two miles from Falmouth lies the little village of Budock, the church of which contains a brass memorial in low relief particularly interesting to nurses. The "brass" is dedicated to the memory of an officer, and on it is depicted an army nursing sister weeping over the loss of her patient. The nurse's uniform is most faithfully carried out in all its detail, even to the instruments in her wallet, and in centuries to come will probably be valued as faithfully portraying the dress of an army nursing sister in the early part of the twentieth century.

We are pleased to note from the reports of meetings of several Boards of Guardians that the question of standards of training and efficiency for nurses employed is engaging the attention of the Boards. At Macclesfield, Dr. Bradley, the Workhouse Medical Officer, is far from satisfied. At a recent meeting he said that he was afraid there was something radically wrong in the organisation of their nursing staff—something that wanted sifting and eradicating—or there would not be these constant changes. What he had to find fault with was the course adopted by the Board of advertising for a nurse with certain qualifications, and then appointing someone who did not possess those qualifications. He hoped that sort of thing would be abolished.

We hope so, too.

Large sums of money have recently been left to charitable institutions, and some sensible men (why don't women leave their money to endow women's work?) have evidently appreciated the work of district nurses. The late Alderman King, of Portsmouth, has bequeathed £200 to the Borough of Portsmouth Victoria Nursing Association, and the late Alderman Akrill £1,000 to the West Bromwich Nurses' Home.

The Local Government Board have received a report from one of their lady inspectors, drawing attention to the untidiness of the hair of the nurses at the Lewisham Infirmary. The Matron has now issued an order on the subject, and clusters of curls above the brow are no longer to be allowed.

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