

Nursing Echoes.



We have great pleasure in announcing that we shall shortly publish the first of a Course of Lectures on Puerperal Fever, which Dr. Knyvett Gordon, Lecturer on Infectious Diseases in the University of Manchester, and Medical Superintendent of Monsall Fever Hospital, Manchester, is contributing to this Journal. Dr.

Gordon needs no introduction to the readers of the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*, by whom his lectures are eagerly read and greatly appreciated. The forthcoming course will be of exceptional interest, not only to nurses but also to midwives.

The Metropolitan Asylums Board has recently been consulting with some of the Matrons of General Hospitals with regard to the training of its nurses, especially in reference to the possibilities of co-operative training. This is a very wise step, and nothing but good can come of conference with those whose experience in the training of nurses enables them to give valuable advice on the subject. We hope a word in season was said about the importance of Matrons holding the position of principal officers.

On Monday in last week, members of the Committee of the East End Mothers' Lying-in Home, and others, met at the Home to welcome the Bishop of Stepney (the future Archbishop of York), who came to hold a service of Benediction in connection with the opening of a new wing. After the religious ceremony, the Bishop visited and talked to each of the 25 mothers, who, with their babies, filled nearly all the beds and cots. The wards were looking exceedingly bright and attractive, and the patients thoroughly well cared for. The Bishop's kind and sympathetic words were much appreciated by the patients, whose sad tales of desperate want manifestly touched him greatly. He was evidently much impressed by the signs of love and skill shown everywhere. The Matron, Miss Anderson, is devoted to the work, and nurses and pupils seem to catch something of her spirit of complete devotion to the welfare of the patients. Among those present were Viscountess Goschen, Lady Greville, Lady Jekyll, Lady Milbanke, Mrs. Albert Gray, Mrs. Vatcher,

Miss Lankester, and Miss Nina Lankester, Dr. and Mrs. Corner, and Mrs. Elgie Corner, Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Beresford, Rev. W. Muirhead, (Hon. Chaplain), Mrs. E. L. Browne, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Kinsey Peile, and Mrs. Winkworth.

The lecture announced last week to be given by Dr. Annie Cornall, at the District Nurses' Home, 6, Berkeley Square, Bristol, on November 17th, has, to suit the lecturer, been postponed, until the 24th inst. Future lectures have been arranged by the Nurses' Social Union for Tuesday, January 19th, and Tuesday, March 16th.

An alarming fire broke out at the Royal Albert Hospital, Devonport, recently. The wooden extension of the main building, where some painters had been working, caught alight, and, fanned by a high wind, the flames speedily involved the whole of the front of the hospital. Both men's and women's wards, which immediately adjoin the extension, were filled with smoke, and great excitement prevailed. By the coolness and promptitude of the nurses all the patients were quickly removed to another wing. Meanwhile fire brigades were summoned, and the main building was saved.

Invariably in the report of a fire where there is danger to sick people, we learn that the nursing staff were on the spot, quite calm and well able to deal with the emergency with courage and promptitude. We sometimes wonder if women ever do lose their heads when duty forbids. We have never known them do so.

A public meeting was lately held in the Parish Church Hall, Fyvie, for the purpose of forming a District Nursing Association to secure the services of a private nurse for the district. The Rev. George Wauchope Stewart presided, and a number of influential ladies and gentlemen were present. The Chairman said for the last four years the community had enjoyed the services of a fully trained and qualified nurse for during that time Lady Leith of Fyvie had initiated the movement by practically demonstrating its advantages by maintaining a nurse. It now lay with that meeting to confirm the general feeling that the permanent services of a fully trained nurse had become essential to the parish. After explaining the tentative steps taken with a view to the formation of an association, he called on Lady Leith, of Fyvie, to address the meeting,

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