

by four more pages at once. I suppose that will entail the addition of four more pages of advertisements, so the *Nursing Record* has not only supplied an evident want for the Nursing community, but has achieved an unusually rapid literary success as well. Mr. Editor has promised me another column of space for these Echoes, if possible, so I shall be glad to receive information from any of my readers of any Nursing gossip or news.

I AM here asked to say that Miss Dannatt, the late Lady Superintendent of the Royal Infirmary at Manchester, has sent the Editor a most excellent article upon the subject of the late Competitive Prize Essay—the relative position of the Sister, Staff Nurse and Probationer—although not to compete for the prize, and that it will be published in an early number. My readers will remember the clever essay she contributed to these columns, upon the subject of “What constitutes an efficient Nurse.”

I HAVE seen an interesting letter from Miss Mary Nicolay, the late Matron of the Dorset County Hospital, detailing the troubles she underwent during her seven months tenure of office in that institution. She leaves England next month for Freemantle, in Western Australia, with the intention of organizing a Home for private Nurses, and special cases, under high patronage, lay and medical, which has been, I understand, promised to her. In time, it is hoped that, they may be able to build a hospital; but, of course, in a young colonial town, such a work as that will require time. I am sure she will take with her the best wishes of many members of her profession, for her future welfare and success, and that she may have less difficulties and more happiness in her next sphere of work, than she has had in her last.

I AM glad to hear of the great improvements constantly being made in the training of Nurses at Poor Law Infirmarys and special hospitals. Miss Close, the well-known Matron of the Kensington Infirmary, I am told, now takes pupils at that institution, for training as Midwives. Each is admitted for a course of three months' instruction and pays a fee of £10 to cover the expense of her maintenance. The training itself is therefore given gratuitously, but the pupil is expected to do the ordinary work in the Obstetric Ward in return for the instruction she receives. Special demonstrations, it seems, are given by the Resident Medical Superintendent, and the course is greatly valued, and much sought after. If any of my readers should wish to be admitted I would advise them, therefore, to make early application to Miss Close.

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Fever Hospital. After two years' work the Probationers are examined by two physicians from the Royal Infirmary at Manchester, and certificates given to those who successfully acquit themselves. I believe I am correct in saying that all the organisation of this training school was carried out by the well-known and energetic Medical Superintendent, Dr. Falconer Oldham, with the assistance of Miss Close.

THE report of the Nightingale Fund, for last year, is, as usual, a highly satisfactory document. It shows that forty-nine Probationers were admitted, of whom fifteen left, either resigned, or were discharged. Thirty-one completed their training, during the course of the year. The annual gratuity of £2, awarded for three years, to those Nurses who have continued satisfactorily at work, was, this year, handed to seventy-six Nurses. During the year, St. Thomas's nurses were appointed to the Matronships of Folkestone Hospital, the Cheltenham Hospital, the South Hants Infirmary, the Donnybrook Hospital for Incurables, and the Ealing Cottage Hospital, while many others went as Sisters, and Head Nurses, to other institutions. In view of the assertion, as to the increasing popularity of Nursing, as a profession, for women, it is important to notice the fact, given in the report, that over one thousand applications were made, during the year, for admission into the training school.

THE fourth anniversary of the opening of the training school, in connection with the Marylebone Infirmary, was held on June 25. A written and *viva voce* examination of the Probationers, who have concluded their year's training, was held by Mr. Lunn, the medical superintendent, and Mr. Croft, F.R.C.S., of St. Thomas's Hospital. It is reported that the school is making most satisfactory progress, and, independently of supplying the infirmary with highly-trained Nurses, is drafting them into other institutions. The guardians of St. Marylebone parish, in conjunction with the Committee of the Nightingale Fund, carry on this much-needed work of providing Nurses for the sick poor; they have bestowed much thought and care on all their arrangements for their Nurses, and may well be congratulated upon their success. But, it is only fair to say, that much of its success and fame are due to the untiring efforts of Miss Vincent, who was appointed Matron when the new buildings were first opened, some eight years ago.

THE Nursing Home is built on the most approved plan, liberally supplied with baths and everything conducive to the health of its occupants, and each Probationer has a separate bedroom. Lectures and classes are held in a large class-room. Probationers are bound to the Infirmary Committee for three years; having passed through their year of training,

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