

Nursing Echoes.

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A LADY writing in the *Queen* and signing herself "One of the Surgeons' Wives," says: "Can you plead for me in your newspaper for weekly papers or magazines, a week old, to be sent to the Matron's Office, St. Thomas's Hospital, S.E., for nurses' sitting-room? Such papers as the *Illustrated London News*, *Graphic*, *Queen*, *Lady*, *Spectator*, or some such, would while away many a weary half hour, and would amuse the nurses when off duty in their sitting-room." I should be glad if you could induce people to take the trouble to send them regularly."



THIS is a kindly request, but I feel sure that if each paper was individually appealed to, many would send copies direct, or if this is asking too much for the Nursing staff of so rich and important a Hospital, why not organise a Nurses' library upon the lines inaugurated by Miss ISLA STEWART at "Barts," which is managed by a committee of Sisters and Nurses, and which has been eminently successful. An excellent selection of standard works has been collected. New books are constantly added, and magazines and papers are to hand in abundance.

ONE hears of nothing but changes in the Nursing world now-a-days, and some Matrons, I hear, are beginning to sigh for the good old times, when a woman entered a Hospital as Nurse "and made her home there." Good old times, which have disappeared it must be remembered, with the advent of young, highly educated Nurses, who are naturally anxious "to rise," and who are unable to live on a wage of £16 and beer—especially beer—Box and Cox bed-rooms, stuff gowns and no caps, as in the golden age of "germs." Yet in spite of all these disadvantages, I must own I sympathise with the Matrons, who sigh for a respite, who, after spending an infinity of time and trouble in training their Nurses, find, when once certificated, that they evaporate into the "Ewigkeit." It is only in a three years' system of training that there can be any hope of stability and thoroughness.

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THIS reminds me that there is quite a long list of Matrons' vacancies this week, for which doubtless there will be keen competition. The General Hospital, Bristol, requires a new Matron owing to the promotion of Miss CHARLOTTE M. BANN to the position of Lady Superintendent of the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool. Miss BANN was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and has held the important post of Matron to the Swansea General Hospital, as well as of the General Hospital, Bristol, so that she goes to her new work with ripe experience. I cannot help expressing my approval of the selection made by the Committee of the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, as of late years the Nursing has been in the hands of a worthy, though narrow clique, and the appointment of a Lady Superintendent, who has no association with this ring, will, I feel sure, prove of inestimable benefit to all concerned. It is quite time the Nursing School of so important a Hospital learnt to stand on its own feet.

I HEAR that Miss McLELLAND is retiring from the Worcester Infirmary, upon her approaching marriage. Ah! that is another great factor productive of innumerable changes in Hospital work. How many charming women have been lost to the nursing profession through marriage during the last decade? One is glad to notice, however, that time hanging heavy on their busy hands, many married Nurses are beginning to take an active part in the organization of nursing affairs.

MISS KATHERINE ELPHICK has just been appointed Lady Superintendent to the North London Consumption Hospital. Miss ELPHICK has gained wide and varied experience in Nursing—having been trained at King's College Hospital, and having filled the post of Sister, both at Pendlebury and at the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street.

MISS NIGHTINGALE has presented her bust to the Nurses' Home in connection with the Prince Alfred Hospital at Sydney, lately opened by the Countess of JERSEY. Lady JERSEY, in opening the Home—with a golden latchkey presented by Mr. H. C. KENT, the architect—dwelt upon the excellence of the system which was to be carried out in the Home, and congratulated the architect upon this "coping stone to his labours," she referred to the

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