

## The Nursing Record "At Homes."

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IN reply to my request for information, Miss Sibley very kindly gave me the full description of the Hospital, which I have been able to give the readers of THE NURSING RECORD, this week.

"My own Nursing experiences," she added, "date from 1882. During my training at Liverpool I acted as Night Sister, and in 1886 I was appointed Night Sister at St. Mary Abbotts, Kensington, where I remained until 1888. I was then selected, out of a very large number of candidates Matron to the Withington Hospitals. In March, 1892, I entered upon my present post, where my work fully occupies all my time. I believe I owe my present election to my long experience and my knowledge of Hospital organisation generally, which is so very necessary in a large Union Infirmary of this character."

"Were you always fond of Nursing, or did you only adopt it as a profession?"

"From early childhood I took the keenest delight in Nursing; in fact, one of my earliest recollections is 'my sick dolls.' I used to delight in looking after them, nursing them, and pretending they were very ill, and that I was the Nurse. The child in this instance was mother to the Nurse. When death, alas! called away all those near and dear to me, I thought I would try and follow humbly in the footsteps of some of those noble women it had long been my delight to dwell upon. Florence Nightingale, Agnes Jones, Mrs. Wardroper, were my ideals of noble lives. To the latter, indeed, I owe the thought of becoming a trained Nurse. It is a profession no woman should enter upon unless she has a thorough love for it; but, with this, there is no profession more ennobling and delightful. My work here is, of course, heavy, and I have much responsibility. The supervision of the patients, alone, would occupy my time, but I have also my Nurses to see after, and occasional lectures to deliver."

Miss Annie Sibley, as will be seen from her portrait given in our Supplement, is an earnest, thoughtful-looking woman, whose kind face and gentle expression of countenance at once inspires that confidence in her powers, which is so essential to the successful ministrations of a Nurse.

Miss Sibley is a very warm supporter of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and, I under-

stand, she was one of the first members to join. It was her earliest wish to enter the Nursing profession, in order to devote her energies to the improvement of, and to raising the standard of, Nursing in Workhouse Infirmarys. During her term of office at St. Mary Abbotts, Kensington, she had the advantage of meeting Miss Louisa Twining, whose kind advice, sympathy and friendship were of the utmost value to her. In 1886, when she became Matron of the Withington Hospital, she had the teaching and training of a large number of Nurses, some of whom are now occupying posts of importance in the Nursing world. Her appointment to the Hope Hospital, in 1892, was a source of satisfaction to all concerned. The post is no sinecure; it includes the entire charge of the domestic staff, which numbers between 40 and 50 including ward cleaners. Miss Sibley has also the general ward training of the Probationers to see after. There is a Head Nurse in charge of each Pavilion (containing three flats), with four, five or six Probationers under her. The charge of the operating Theatre, is usually given to a Probationer under the Matron's supervision. The Night Nursing is also done by Probationers, who take night and day duty alternately, after having been in Hospital five or six months. A trained Night Superintendent is always in charge. Acute cases are put in the care of a special Nurse. Two wards are set aside for surgical, medical, and infirm chronic cases. Each Pavilion contains from 90 to 100 beds. Probationers are trained for two years, but a few paying Probationers come for one year's training.

## Nursing Echoes.

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THE Meeting of the General Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association, held on the 24th May, marks a red letter day in the Nursing calendar. The large Hall of the Hanover Square Society was crowded. Sir WILLIAM SAVORY took the Chair at the President's request, and the notice convening the Meeting having been read, Her Royal Highness Princess CHRISTIAN said:—You have come together to-day in the expectation of receiving from me a communication of great importance, and I am sure you will

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