

Nursing Echoes.

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THE Medical Nursing Examination has just been held at the Royal South Hants Infirmary, Southampton, by Dr. ALDRIDGE, one of the visiting physicians. Miss SPARROW gained the first place, Miss BRANDER second, and Miss CUNNINGHAM a good third. Twelve Probationers entered for examination, and all passed. Miss SPARROW passed first in Surgical Nursing, and second in Anatomy and Physiology.

MISS LOUISA TWINING, who for some time was a lady guardian of the poor of a London parish, and now fills the same office in a country union, interests herself greatly in those most pitiable and helpless of all sufferers under the Poor Law—the idiot children and epileptics. In the metropolis the arrangements made in the large asylums for both classes were, Miss TWINING states, so good that none need be retained in the workhouses, but were provided with every care and comfort, and trained and educated to fit them, if possible, for some future usefulness. But it is for the poor idiots and epileptics in country workhouses that Miss TWINING pleads, and is desirous of bringing to the notice of the Local Government Board the fact that the same advantages are not granted to them as to those of the metropolis. Miss TWINING considers that with regard to the epileptics more has latterly been done, and she hopes that before long a colony, like those of the other countries of Europe, will provide an opening of usefulness for those hitherto poor and hopeless ones; it is therefore for the idiots she specially pleads, and for whom she considers asylums should be opened in counties combined together, and whence they could be removed from the workhouses, and allowed to partake of the same benefits which the poor London pauper idiots enjoy. Miss TWINING's long experience and active work in connection with workhouses enables her to speak with much authority on this and other kindred subjects concerning the administration of the Poor Law.

MISS GUTHRIE WRIGHT, honorary secretary of the Queen Victoria Institute for Nurses, gave an interesting address at a meeting held in Troon last

week, under the presidency of Mr. MATTHEW ARTHUR, of Fullarton House. It having been agreed, on the motion of the Rev. Mr. SMITH, to form a District Nursing Association for Troon, an executive was appointed, with Mrs. ARTHUR as convener.

THE Committee of the Leicester Infirmary, have instituted a Preliminary Examination for Candidates desirous of entering the Training School as Probationers.

THE Annual Meeting of the Governors and friends of the Leeds Trained Nurses' Institution was held, last week, at the Home, 21, Hyde Terrace Leeds, and an eminently satisfactory report was presented, with the exception of one item, to which we feel it our duty in the interest of all trained Nurses to draw attention. Alluding to the District Nursing Branch of the Institution, the *Yorkshire Post* reports:—

“The District Nursing Branch of the Institution for the nursing of the sick poor in their own homes had been actively and efficiently carried on, and again showed a good record of work. The number of cases during the past year was 1,542, and the visits paid by the Nurses numbered 35,648. The Committee appealed for increased funds to enable them to carry on and extend this work which on all hands was acknowledged to be a very great boon to the wage-earning population. £225 had this year been transferred from the funds of the Institution to the District Nursing account. In moving the adoption of the report, the Chairman dwelt upon the successful year of good work, and pointed out that the Institution did not exist to make a profit for the Committee or for Governors, but that the profit had been disposed of in the first place to increase the pension fund of the Nurses and to benefit the Nurses themselves, and, secondly, to give poor people the benefit of trained help by the District Nursing Society. He expressed their deep indebtedness to the Lady Superintendent (Miss Dawson), and recorded the Committee's appreciation of the loyalty which the Nurses constantly displayed towards the institution. There was a feeling of *esprit de corps* in the home, and the Nurses were proud of belonging to one of the most flourishing Institutions of the kind in the United Kingdom. They had every reason to be proud of their staff of Nurses.”

WE must again express our opinion in the most emphatic manner, that the richer people of Leeds are the persons to provide, out of their abundance, for the Nursing of the sick poor of the city, and that not one penny earned by the Nurses should be expended by the Committee for this purpose, unless the Nurses desire to make a donation towards this charitable work, and these donations should then be acknowledged as gifts, not taken from them as a right. We regret to find that, in the majority of our great and rich towns, this system of utilising the trained Nurses' labour for providing means whereby to nurse the sick poor is carried on without the slightest compunction on the part of the Committees of Private Nursing Institutions; and

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