

Nursing Echoes.

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We are glad to observe that, at the annual meeting of the Hampshire Nurses' Institute, held last week at Southampton, a most satisfactory report was presented, which concluded with the formal announcement of the separation of the District Nurses from the Hampshire Nurses' Institute. We beg to congratulate the Committee of the latter Institution upon their foresight and just return, and hope that the Committees managing Private Nursing Institutions in other important cities may follow this excellent example. Leeds, Glasgow, and Canterbury should, without hesitation, initiate this change in their management.

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We hear that there are already nearly one hundred applications for the post of Lady Superintendent for the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, and it is sincerely to be hoped that out of this number a thoroughly-trained and three years' certificated Nurse will be chosen. The irresponsibility of professional qualifications, with which most of these important positions are filled, is a matter of sincere regret to those interested in the advancement of Nursing and the efficient care of the sick. Social influence and the possession of private means, when not combined with a thorough training and proved capacity for organization, and government, should not weigh in the balance for a moment with a conscientious selecting Committee.

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Miss HUGHES, head of the Metropolitan and National Nursing Association, delivered an interesting address upon District Nursing before a large meeting, held at Bangor, on the 13th, of the friends and subscribers to the Bangor Institute of Trained Nurses. Among those present were Lady Penrhyn, Hon. Alice and Hon. Violet Douglas Pennant, Lady Isham, Lady Turner, Miss Sackville West, &c. Miss Hughes first spoke of the pleasure it gave her to hear of the good work being done by the Institute at Bangor, and at the branch homes which had spread from Bangor. District Nursing, she said, had been going on for a number of years, but it was only lately that it had been systematised. She dwelt upon the work which the Nurses had to

perform, and gave a *résumé* of the main principles which should guide the District Nurse in carrying out her duties. One of the golden rules was that the Nurses should enter the houses of the poor people in the light of a friend, and should suggest things, rather than order or enforce them.

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THE following advertisement appeared last week in the first page of *The Times*, and will arouse interest in Nursing circles. The report of the Co-operation, issued in January, 1892, reported that about £25 had been spent in "Incorporation fees"; and that the application then made for the licence of the Board of Trade had been, at the suggestion of the Board, held over for a time, but would "now be pressed forward." That is just two years ago, so the rate of forward pressure cannot be truthfully described as rapid:—

APPLICATION for a LICENCE of the BOARD of TRADE.

Notice is hereby given that, in pursuance of the 23rd section of the Companies' Act, 1867, APPLICATION is proposed to be made to the Board of Trade for a LICENCE directing an Association about to be formed, under the name of THE NURSES' CO-OPERATION, to be registered with Limited Liability, without the addition of the word "Limited" to its name.

The objects for which the Society is established are as follows:—

(a.) To establish and maintain offices or agencies where registers of qualified nurses shall be kept and nurses may be engaged to attend patients suffering from disease or accident.

(b.) To establish and maintain homes for nurses, and to provide them with instruction, board and lodging, and all necessary comforts.

(c.) To purchase, lease, hire, or otherwise acquire any real and personal property which may be necessary for the above purposes, provided that, in case the Society shall desire to hold more land than the law shall for the time being permit it to hold without the licence of the Board of Trade, such licence shall be obtained.

(d.) To erect, construct, maintain, and alter any houses or buildings necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(e.) To sell, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property of the Society.

(f.) To borrow and raise money for the purposes of the Society, and for the purpose of securing money borrowed or otherwise, to create, execute, and issue bonds and debentures with or without a charge upon all or any of the property of the Society.

(g.) To establish and hold in trust funds for the provision of sick-pay, pensions, or annuities for or otherwise for the benefit of Nurses; or pay any of such funds to the National Pension Fund for Nurses or the objects thereof, or combine in any manner with or assist the National Pension Fund for Nurses.

(h.) To solicit, collect, accept, and hold gifts, subscriptions, and bequests, whether subject to any special trusts or not, for any of the purposes of the Society, but so that if the Society shall at any time take or hold property subject to the jurisdiction of the Charity Commissioners, the Society shall observe all rules and directions of the Charity Commissioners with respect thereto, and shall vest such property, if so required, in special trustees.

(i.) To amalgamate with any institutions, societies, or associations having objects altogether or in part similar to the objects of the Society.

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