

Nursing Echoes.

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WE beg to remind members and associates of the Matrons' Council of the notice inserted in the last issue of this Journal, that all desiring to join the classes—or schools of method for learning the procedure of business at meetings—should send their names as soon as possible to Mrs. Andrews, Hon. Sec., 22, Cheyne Gardens, S.W.

We are convinced from personal experience that all women, especially those desirous of occupying the responsible public positions of Matrons to Hospitals, should make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the conduct of business at meetings, especially now that they may be asked to sit upon important committees in connection with their own professional body, and to accept serious responsibility which they should hesitate to take before they are competent. We would recommend to the notice of the members and associates of the Matrons' Council, the "Chairman's Handbook," by Sir Reginald F. D. Palgrave, K.C.B., published by Sampson Low, Marston & Co.

THE monthly meeting of the Registered Nurses' Society took place at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., when a satisfactory report was presented, all the Nurses having been fully engaged during the past month. Owing to the epidemic of influenza, a great number of applications for Nurses have had to be refused. Two new members were appointed on probation.

"It is an ill wind which blows no one any good," and indeed the only silver lining to the terrible scourge of influenza which is afflicting London just at present, is the fact that many Nurses who have been out of work for months are now busily engaged—the majority, we feel sure, doing all in their power to minimise the evil. Personally, we have felt inclined at this crisis to discard our friendly and comfortable Nursing bonnet, which is the badge of our

calling, as even in the street the distracted friends of those in the grip of this influenza fiend beseech one to go with them, or find them the help they need—a trained Nurse.

THE Annual Meeting of the East London Nursing Society will be held in the Saloon at the Mansion House on Tuesday, March 12, at 3 p.m., when the chair will be taken by the Lord Mayor.

We regret to learn from the Rev. Harry Jones, the Chairman of the Society, that unless more financial help is speedily forthcoming, the number of Nurses at work will have to be decreased, and sincerely hope that a liberal response will be made to the appeal.

From the Report for 1894, we find that the work of the Society has been materially increased, and although munificent gifts have been received, it is with deep regret the Committee call attention to the unfavourable state of the finances. The year began with a balance in hand of over £50. It ends with a debt of £180.

The proposal to establish a Residential Home for the Nurses (a system of which we highly approve), but involving a radical change in the constitution of the East End Nursing Society, was brought before the Committee during the year, but it was thought advisable to work on the old lines, which provides that each Nurse should be attached to a particular district, and live in separate lodgings, under the occasional supervision of a Matron who has several districts under her charge.

THE strained relations between the Guardians and the officials at the New Union Infirmary at Lewisham still continue, the former deeply resenting the action taken by the Assistant Matrons, Miss Campbell and Miss Mill, and eighteen of the Nursing Staff, in sending the following letter direct to the Local Government Board:—

"We, the Nursing staff of the Lewisham Union Infirmary, desire to express our pleasure and satisfaction at the result of the inquiry recently held here by Dr. Downes as regards the re-instatement of our Matron, Miss Patteson, and we earnestly beg the Local Government Board not to re-consider their decision as suggested by the Lewisham Board of Guardians, but that an early date might be fixed by the Local Government Board for her to resume office. We would also express our strong disapproval of the statement made at the meeting of the Board of Guardians on February 4, to the effect 'that peace and harmony now existed in the Infirmary, whereas before all was discord.' We desire to contradict that statement, and to say that the last twelve weeks, since the suspension of the Matron, has been a time

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