

Nursing Echoes.

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WE have pleasure to announce that the "Notes of a Case of Ovariectomy, with secondary Hæmorrhage, followed by Enteritis," by Miss Mary Lucy Edgar, of the London Homœopathic Hospital, have been awarded the Prize of One Guinea for the September competition. We notice with satisfaction the admirable neatness of the manuscript, daintily tied

with white satin ribbon—a sign of the "Niceties of Nursing," which it is well for all Nurses to attempt to attain in every detail of their work.

AN Exhibition of Nursing Appliances will be held at the rooms of the Trained Nurses' Club, 12, Buckingham Street, Strand, from Thursday, October the 17th, to Thursday the 31st ult. The exhibition will be open from 2.30 to 7.30 daily; on Fridays it will remain open until 10 p.m., and the charge for admission will be 6d. The surplus funds will be used for the Trained Nurses' Club.

MUCH regret is felt at the retirement of Miss Pye from the management of the Ipswich Nurses' Home. Her work has been highly appreciated, and she is to be presented with a testimonial in recognition of the services she has rendered to all classes in the town.

THE Devonshire Branch of the Rural Nursing Association has just issued its report of work done during the past two years. The Branch has made slow but steady progress, but limited finances prevent it from being able to supply Nurses in sufficient number to cope with the demand for their services.

A Sick Nursing Association has been formed at Alyth, after a meeting at which Miss Guthrie Wright, Hon. Sec. of the Scottish Branch of the Jubilee Nurses' Institute at Edinburgh, gave an address on "Sick Nursing." The Dowager Countess of Airlie has been elected President; Lady Ramsay and Lady Kinloch, Vice-Presidents.

MRS. BELL of Newbridge has generously contributed the furniture and fittings of the paying patient department in the new building of the Queen Victoria Nursing Institution of Wolverhampton. The Committee are thus enabled to enter into this branch of their work in the new Home without incurring any additional expense. In recognition of the liberal gift, the rooms, which are very handsomely furnished, are to be known as "The Bell Rooms."

WE have commented before on the many sad cases coming under our notice of Nurses who start Nursing Homes and Institutes with insufficient influence, insufficient capital, and want of technical knowledge as to the working of such undertakings. Great caution should be exercised by Nurses before embarking their savings in these enterprises, requiring, as they do, great business ability and experience. The case of Mrs. Krause quoted below from the *Liverpool Mercury* is only one more instance of the large total of failures.

"The debtor, a professional Nurse, came up for public examination, the liabilities being returned at £245, and assets *nil*. Replying to the assistant official receiver, the debtor said she had got into difficulties through an enterprise she had started at Southport. In 1891 she opened a Trained Nurses' Institute, but had sickness amongst her staff which involved loss of money. She then removed to another house, which she furnished on the hire system, but this did not pay, and in April last she sold the furniture and connection for £400 in cash, with part of which she paid off the balance due on the furniture. She now resided with her husband, a carver and gilder, in Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, her husband having taken a large house in that thoroughfare, where it was proposed to receive lodgers. Her husband had suffered from typhoid fever, and expense had been involved upon her in consequence."

It is hoped that the lodging-house will prove more successful than did the Institute.

THERE really should be some Consultant Nurses who can be called in to give professional expert advice to Boards of Guardians and public bodies into whose province Nursing questions come, but who are, from a total ignorance of the technicalities of the subject and its many issues, perfectly incompetent to deal with such matters. And it is just such persons who assume an oracular attitude and proffer advice with an air of intimate knowledge of all the intricacies of Nursing.

At a recent meeting of the Basford Board of Guardians some curious things were said with relation to Nursing.

The Rev. W. E. Buckland said, as a parish clergyman, he had seen a great deal of the need for proper

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