

## Nursing Echoes.

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WE have the pleasure to announce that the Prize of one guinea for the best Nursing Notes of a case, has this month been awarded to Miss Clare Crowther, as although the case does not contain quite 1,000 words, it is an excellent model in style. The notes are good, succinct, and expressive, and prove on the part of the Nurse the possession of keen power of observation, and intelligent interest in her work. These notes will be published next week.

The Notes submitted by Miss Lilian Menzies Jackson, of the North Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, entitled "Notes on a Case of Diphtheria, with the Operation of Tracheotomy," are highly commended, and will be published in due course.

WITH regard to the decision of the Admiralty to send a hospital ship to Accra, the base of operations, at the time of going to press we are informed that the Department has caused surveys to be made of the P. and O. steamer "Coromandel," and that the results have been favourably reported upon. Should it happen that this vessel is finally selected for the duty she will proceed shortly to Accra, and will be supplied with all the appliances necessary for the care and treatment of any men who may be wounded in such manner as to preclude the possibility of effective treatment at the seat of war, and who may, therefore, be sent back to the coast.

The complete equipment of a strong medical service for the Ashanti expedition is a matter which is regarded as of primary importance, and it was stated yesterday that the full number of Nurses for the base Hospital has been obtained, and they will be all on the way by December 7th, under the superintendence of Miss Gray, of the Guards' Hospital. Superintendent Sister Gray has been in two campaigns before, in Zululand and Egypt, and has been awarded the Royal Red Cross by Her Majesty the Queen. It is fully recognised that in this campaign the number of officers and men affected

by the climate will be much larger than of those wounded in fighting; and the frequent visitation of small-pox in the Gold Coast district has suggested the propriety of preliminary revaccination for all those going out from home.

Miss SCOTT, the Matron of the Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, has resigned her position and is taking up another branch of Nursing work. The salary of the vacant post is £75 per annum, with certain gratuities. Applications for the post must reach the Secretary not later than December 11th.

WE are constantly receiving the most appreciative letters from Nurses who have enjoyed the hospitable rest and refreshment to the weary, offered by the Nurses' Home of Rest at Brighton. It was founded in the hope that it would prove a real home, and a source of health and pleasure to hard-worked Nurses in need of change for mind and body alike. And this it has certainly proved to be. Matron and Nurses have all combined to make the Home an attractive centre.

But there is one fact which has aroused a good deal of indignant comment, and that is the watchful care which it has on two or three occasions needed on the part of the Matron to protect the Nurses under her care from the unprincipled action of some other Nurses, who have attempted to enter the Home and use it as a quarantine after nursing infectious cases. It is strictly against the rules that any Nurse should be received after nursing infectious diseases, and the only way in which they can do so is under false pretences. That two or three Nurses have already attempted this, only shows how much remains to be done in inculcating the principles of honour on some members of the profession. No one knows better than a Nurse the dangers of infection, and it is difficult to imagine anything more unconscientious than to subject her fellow-workers—while they are on a holiday and seeking to gather in fresh stores of energy and health—to the danger and consequent loss and expense attending an infectious illness; added to which is the risk that these Nurses might act as carriers of infection to their next cases, and the mischief be very far spread indeed.

We almost hesitated before writing this: we are so jealous for the honour of our cloth that we would always like to chronicle only those things which redound to its credit. But in the interests of honour, and for the sake of the Nurses who so enjoy their Home of Rest, it appears to us we are only doing our duty

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