

Nursing Echoes.

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WE would remind our readers that Miss Bristow (Sister Martha) will give the first of a series of three "Demonstrations on Nursing," at the Examination Hall, Victoria Embankment, on Monday, the 16th inst., at 8.30 p.m. Sister Martha's lecture will be on "The Nursing of Gynæcological Cases," and, we feel sure that, with her wide experience in this speciality, those who are able to attend will gain much valuable information.

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MISS LOUISA C. EAST has resigned the position of Matron to the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic in Queen's Square, and we venture to express a hope that the Committee will appoint a trained Nurse to fill this responsible position. The Nursing department of this Institution requires to be organised upon modern lines, and this can only be effected by a woman who has wide and practical Hospital experience.

The National Hospital contains 180 beds, divided into numerous wards. The present arrangement of placing a Sister in charge of half this number of beds, on several floors, with Staff Nurses and Probationers under her, means that it is impossible for the Superintendent Sister to take as active a part in the actual supervision of each ward, and give the necessary amount of the personal attention to each patient which is so desirable both for the sick and for the proper supervision of the Probationers.

Most trained Matrons agree that a Sister cannot, without detriment to efficiency and health, superintend the Nursing of more than 30 beds, if she is at the same time to take an active part in the systematic instruction of the Pupil Nurses; we hope, therefore, that a new

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régime may be speedily inaugurated in the Nursing department of the National Hospital, under the direction of a thoroughly trained Lady Superintendent.

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MISS BISSELL, M.R.B.N.A., has opened a Home in the most healthy part of Cliftonville, Margate, for the reception of convalescent and private boarders. The house is semi-detached, standing in its own garden, and close to the sea. We wish her all success in her new work. Nurses are aware that Margate is specially recommended for cases of scrofula.

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ON Monday, December 2nd, the prizes and certificates gained by the Nurses and Probationers of the York County Hospital in the examinations which concluded the year's course of lectures, were distributed by the Very Rev. the Dean of York, chairman of the House Committee.

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The names of those who obtained prizes were:—Nurses: Emily Tute, who had full marks both in Anatomy and Nursing, carried off the first prizes; Annie Mountain took first prize for Physiology, and also a prize for the highest aggregate number of marks. Probationers: Bertha Relton, Nursing Prize (full marks); Philippa Keith, 2nd, Anatomy; Annie Morgan, 2nd, Nursing; Margaret Hindmarsh, 2nd, Physiology.

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The following are the names of the lecturers:—Anatomy: F. Shann, Esq., L.R.C.P. (Lond.), M.R.C.S., Honorary Surgeon; Physiology: C. Hodgson, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Lond.), House Surgeon. Nursing: R. H. Luce, Esq., M.B., B.C., &c., Assistant House Surgeon.

The Dean, in speaking to the Nurses, remarked on the very high percentage of marks obtained. The proceedings terminated with a small dance and supper.

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WE have previously commented and expressed our surprise that in so rich a town as Torquay the Nurses' Institution should be so badly off. A meeting which has been recently held on the subject, it is hoped, will have the effect of charming subscriptions out of the pockets of the wealthy residents and visitors. It would be supposed that invalids desiring benefit from a stay at a health resort would naturally wish, from feelings of gratitude, to give some assistance to local Nursing Institutions, but experience does not seem to show that this natural impulse is by any means the rule.

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