

Nursing Echoes.

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WE have to gratefully acknowledge a cheque for £5 5s., for the funds of the Nurses' Home of Rest at Brighton, from Mr. W. Harrison-Cripps, F.R.C.S., whose interest in the welfare of Nurses is well-known. Mr. Cripps is of opinion that a thoroughly trained and efficient surgical Nurse should receive three guineas

a week for nursing private cases—and most of the Nurses who are fortunate enough to work under his direction receive this fee.

The Home of Rest at Brighton will be closed from the 1st of March to the 1st of April for repainting and cleaning. We are glad to be able to announce that Mrs. Lionel Lucas, who has so frequently exhibited her most generous interest in the welfare of the Home, has advanced £200 to the Committee to defray the current expenses and repairs.

IN connection with the consultation fee of £5, which was recently granted by the Metropolitan Asylums Board for expert advice on behalf of a sick Nurse, a correspondent says:—"There are fifty-three medical men in the service of the Board. Why was not one of these sent for? Surely the Board does not allow that there was not one out of these fifty-three gentlemen who was qualified to give expert advice?"

MISS ANNESLEY KENEALY writes:—"I feel sure those who have so very kindly contributed to the necessities of the St. Bartholomew's Nurse, on whose behalf I recently appealed in the RECORD, will be glad to hear that through their generous help I was able yesterday to send her a trunk full of excellent clothing—in fact a complete outfit—bonnets, gloves, shoes, and, indeed, every article of clothing and uniform that could

be needed. The Nurse offers her sincere and affectionate thanks to her fellow workers for their cordial help and kindness."

Many sympathetic letters have been received with the donations, from which the following extracts are taken. A Nurse writes: "Will you please to take charge of the enclosed Postal Order as a little help towards the uniform of the poor Bartholomew's Nurse who has been in a Workhouse Infirmary. She has my deepest sympathy as her sad plight might be my own any day, as I am also an old Bartholomew's Nurse and know what it is to have to struggle against ill-health."

Some more Nurses write:—"Will you accept the enclosed sum collected by some Nurses here. We wish it were more, but it is sent with much sympathy to a fellow worker in distress."

A Matron in Ireland writes:—"The condition of the Royal British Nurses' Association is deplorable in the extreme. It ought to help such cases as these." An ex-Nurse says:—"I feel so sorry that there is no Home or Club where Nurses who are badly off and get ill in the discharge of their duties can go till they are fit to resume their work. Doctors—and I suppose other professions—have clubs to fall back on in case of illness, and why not Nurses? Can nothing be done to alter this state of things. Trusting the Nurse will soon be quite well again and as happy in my caps and aprons as I used to be," &c.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—"No doubt, Madam, you are well aware of the difficulty—daily increasing—of Nurses finding employment. It is most distressing to me to note the overcrowding of our ranks, and the poverty and wretchedness of many Nurses well known to me who have been long out of work. I am in a position of some influence in the nursing world, and I assure you I am absolutely appalled by the number of Nurses who come to me and beg me to find them some work to keep them from starvation and the Workhouse. One Nurse whom I had to refuse to help, simply because I could not hear of any opening, left my room, saying, "Well, if things don't improve, somebody will have to open a 'Trained Nurses' Soup Kitchen,' or else I don't see how we are to live."

We hear constantly of the overcrowded condition of the Nursing profession and are frequently coming across instances where highly-trained Nurses find they are employed only about half their time. But then there is another side of

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