

## Cookery and Food Exhibition.

At the Cookery and Food Exhibition to be held at the Imperial Institute from April 27th to May 2nd, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts is offering a special gold medal for the daintiest set of dishes suitable for invalid cookery. Mr. Pearson, of *Pearson's Weekly*, is also presenting the handsome sum of ten guineas for sick-room and household cookery, and Miss M. Tattersall offers a bronze medal for invalid dishes. This will afford an admirable opportunity for Nurses who are skilled in the preparation of invalid dishes. To gain a prize in such a competition would be of the utmost professional value to Nurses in private practice, and we hope they will enter for a competition in which the victors should certainly be members of the Nursing profession.

## Legislation for Nurses.

MR. JOHN C. GORDON, of U.S.A., is trying to introduce a Bill to limit the working hours of Nurses *in private* and in public Hospitals to twelve hours out of the twenty-four, and to make it compulsory to supply them with sleeping apartments separate from their patients; but the Nurses themselves seem to be opposing him.

## Appointments.

MISS EMMELINE MARY BANN has been selected as Matron for the Brook Fever Hospital, and will be recommended by the Committee for that position to the Metropolitan Asylums Board on Saturday.

Miss Bann was trained for three years, and acted as Head Nurse for two years, at the Royal Infirmary, Derby; she was also Night Superintendent in the Worcester and Gloucester Infirmarys, and has gained experience in private Nursing in connection with the West Malling Institution. For the last four years Miss Bann has held the position of Lady Superintendent of the Hull Sanatorium. We are indebted to the unfailing courtesy of the Secretary of the Metropolitan Asylums Board for the details of Miss Bann's professional qualifications.

Miss M. L. Howes, daughter of Canon Howes, of Norwich, has been appointed Matron of the Cheltenham General Hospital; we regret that we are unable to give details of her training and experience, which are doubtless excellent, but the Secretary of the Institution has not favoured us with a reply to our enquiries on this matter.

## Nursing Echoes.

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WE are pleased to hear that the staff of Nurses at the Infirmary, Stockport, has been increased; there are now two Sisters and ten Nurses and Probationers, under a duly qualified Matron. The house-surgeon has also commenced delivering a series of lectures which are much appreciated by the Nurses. The Nurses' sitting room is provided with all the Nursing periodicals. In fact at this Hospital everything appears to be done to make the Probationer's life happy and comfortable. The training is three years.

\* \* \* THE Convalescent Home at Bearsden, given by Miss Marjory Schaw to the Royal Infirmary of Glasgow, in memory of her brother, the late Mr. Archibald Shanks Schaw, was formally handed over to the directors of the Infirmary on Saturday last. Miss Schaw in all has contributed the magnificent sum of £47,000 to the Home, which is under the able matronship of Miss Sophia Munro, late of St. Mary's Hospital, whose skill and ability ensure the utmost comfort to the patients.

\* \* \* A CORRESPONDENT writes:—"I was amongst the selected candidates for the post of Matron of the Brook Fever Hospital, and attended at Norfolk House on Monday morning at the invitation of the Metropolitan Asylums Board. I looked about me somewhat curiously to see who were the fellow candidates. Of course I hoped to be appointed, but failing this, I amused myself by settling which of the ladies I should select had the appointment been in my own hands. I will confide to the readers of the NURSING RECORD that I had no difficulty in making a choice. I had no opportunity, however, of observing all the candidates, for when every chair in the room where I was sitting was filled (there were nine chairs in all, I believe) the next room began also to fill with the selected, until there must have been sixteen or more ladies waiting to interview the Board. I had ample time to meditate on the congested state of things in the Nursing profession, evidenced by

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