

## Nursing Echoes.

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WE are specially glad to observe that Dr. Schofield stated at the recent Annual Meeting of the National Health Society, at Grosvenor House, that the proposed new order of "Health Sisters" are to wear a dress totally distinct from that of the trained Nurse. This is just, and we congratulate the National Health Society upon its wise decision. We have

no doubt that a suitable and becoming costume will be designed for the use of these ladies.

THE Annual Gathering of the Mary Adelaide Nurses took place recently at 8, Carlton House Terrace, by permission of Earl and Countess Brownlow. Medals and gratuities for good conduct and long service were presented to the Nurses by Constance, Marchioness of Lothian, as an encouragement to the recipients in their pioneer work of Workhouse Infirmary Nursing. Lady Frederick Cavendish, Miss Louisa Twining, and Dr. Savill addressed the Nurses, and a programme of music and recitations followed. Among those present were Lady Wantage, Hon. Mrs. J. G. Talbot, Dr. and Mrs. Cullingworth, Lady Belhaven and Stenton.

This Society is doing a great national work in providing trained Nurses for the sick wards in our Workhouses as smaller Poor Law Infirmaries.

WE have before expressed the opinion that aprons worn by trained Nurses out of doors, under flying cloaks, are eminently unbecoming and out of place, but the indoor costume of the trained Nurse, minus the cloak, and substituting a bonnet for a cap, worn out of doors, is vulgar in the extreme, because eminently unfit. We met a Nurse recently so garbed in Portland Place, and we feel sure could she have overheard the remarks of the *genus gamin* on her appearance (these lads are very cute), she would have forthwith dressed herself in more suitable garments.

THE examination for the certificate in psychological medicine of the Medico-Psychological Association of Great Britain and Ireland will be held in July. Fourteen days' notice must be given by candidates in writing to the Registrar of the Association, Dr. Spence, Burntwood Asylum, near Lichfield. The examination for the Gawkeil Prize, open to those who possess the certificate of the Association, will be held in London in July. Particulars can be obtained from the Registrar.

ON Saturday last an interesting ceremony took place in the Victoria Ward of Charing Cross Hospital in connection with the Ministering Children's League. A cot which had been presented by Miss Maitland-Erskine, formerly a Sister on the Nursing Staff of the Hospital, and which will be maintained, until sufficient funds are collected for endowment, by an annual subscription collected by the Mayfair branch of the League, was formally presented to the Hospital by Lady Eleanor Harbord, the President of the branch.

ATTENTION has been frequently called in these columns to the growing tendency of women journalists to set up as medical and nursing advisers of the public, without even the most elementary knowledge on these subjects to serve as an excuse for their proffered advice. We came across this recently, in answer to a correspondent who had written to the lady editor of a "Home Corner" in a daily Scotch newspaper. The correspondent evidently had large faith in the omniscience of the lady in question, and gravely consulted her as to the diet of a relative with heart disease and in a weakened condition.

In answering, after giving some vague general advice of a harmless character, the journalistic Sequah went on to warn her trusting correspondent against the danger of heavy suppers in heart trouble. "Let the patient have some tea in the afternoon, but *nothing* after that time but a *light meal of calves'-foot jelly*, or something of that kind." Could more mischievous advice be given than to allow an exhausted, elderly patient with heart trouble to go for some fourteen hours with nothing but "some calves'-foot jelly, or something of that kind."

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