

Nursing Echoes.

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DURING the week Miss Margery Homersham has given three admirable demonstrations in the Lecture Room at St. Martin's Town Hall, in connection with the Nursing Exhibition, on practical points in Nursing. Miss Homersham's experience and skill as a teacher, and her happy method of imparting her knowledge to a class, have earned the thanks of

all who have attended this very useful course.

THE NURSING RECORD "At Home," held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at St. Martin's Town Hall, in connection with the Nursing Exhibition, was an extremely pleasant incident in the many pleasant events that have taken place during the Nursing "Fair," as some of the press have called it.

A "SISTER" in one of the London Hospitals, who is most enthusiastic about the Nursing Exhibition, has, during the whole fortnight through which it has been open, had the Sisters' and Doctors' table in her ward set out in scarlet and white, to represent the NURSING RECORD colours. Apart from the delicate compliment, the tables have looked most charming with bunches of scarlet geraniums, scarlet ribbons, and white cloths bordered with the same cheerful colour.

On some occasions bunches of scarlet poppies have been used instead of geraniums, and these artistic tables have been quite a centre of attraction in the Hospital.

MRS. LIONEL LUCAS has presented the beautiful photograph of the late Sir Julian Goldsmid, now on view at the Nursing Exhibition, to the Nurses' Home of Rest at Brighton.

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AT the Annual Meeting of the Chelsea Hospital for Women, the Committee, in appealing for additional help, stated that the Council had now to make most necessary provision for a new Home for the Nursing staff. This addition has been much needed for some time.

THE *African Review* says:—

"General regret has been expressed that the Home Secretary found himself unable to recommend Her Majesty to bestow the Albert Medal on Miss Alford, the heroic young Nurse from St. Michael's Home at Kimberley. Miss Alford was sent to attend a case of pneumonia in British Bechuanaland, and found herself in the midst of a small-pox epidemic. Starting a lazaretto, she nursed, quite unaided, 200 natives and 20 white patients, only losing one woman and two children. The annals of the Royal British Nurses' Association, of which Miss Alford is a member, are adorned by few stories of more heroic devotion to duty, but even the personal desire of the Princess Christian, who supported the application to the Home Secretary, was of no avail."

THE members of the Royal British Nurses' Association at home will read the decision of the Home Secretary with regret, but can hardly evince surprise, considering that the two Gold Medals of Merit awarded by their own Association to members they desired to honour have been withheld by the hon. officials for four and three years respectively. We can hardly expect the Home Secretary to evince a burning desire to distinguish members of an Association who permit their business to be so conducted.

MISS EVANS, the much respected Matron of St. Olave's Infirmary, Rotherhithe, has resigned her position. We think Miss Evans shows her common sense in refusing for a further period than nine weeks to submit to the unjustifiable suspension by the Guardians of the Infirmary. It is an open secret that she has been systematically insulted and persecuted during the past two years, owing to the firm and conscientious stand which she has made against the abuses which are known to exist in the management of this Institution. It is high time the Local Government Board bestirred itself and made a stringent inquiry into the retrograde government of St. Olave's Infirmary; and we would also advise the ratepayers of the parish to enquire into the continual expenditure in advertising for trained Nurses—posts which we are not surprised to hear are constantly vacant under the present régime.

THERE is an uncomfortable and transition period going on at the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum, where the Matron, Miss Hannaford, is doing her utmost to introduce better discipline and institute reforms. At a Board Meeting Father Higley said it must be remembered

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