

Nursing Echoes.

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At the *Conversazione* to inaugurate the winter Session of Toynbee Hall, held last Saturday, there was a display of every kind of surgical apparatus, and also displays of all kinds of articles necessary for medical and surgical uses. In the same hall were on view cots, beds, Nursing appliances, and Ambulances, arranged by the Toynbee Hall Nursing

Guild and the St. John Ambulance Association. During the evening there were ambulance displays in the tennis court, an exhibition of lantern slides in the new block room, and musical drills in the quadrangle.

Dr. J. T. Leon and Dr. A. P. Lauri also gave some clever demonstrations of the new photography. Dr. Leon began by describing the Röntgen rays apparatus. He casually remarked that these rays were made serviceable in St. Mary's Hospital, and by this means the position of a needle was detected in a hand, and other important discoveries had been made. He handed round a number of photographs showing the results of the X Rays passing through the limbs and other opaque bodies. The *Conversazione* was a most pleasant occasion, and great interest was shown in the Nursing Section.

Miss DAVIDSON, Lady Superintendent of the Hospital for Consumption, Brompton, states in *Home Sweet Home* that the members of their private Nursing Staff "have all had general training as well as the training here, and have been for more than three years' in training before going on the private Nursing Staff." This is good news indeed, as, a few years ago, this Hospital was notorious for the lack of educational standard demanded from the Nurses with which it supplied the public. We congratulate the Committee and Miss Davidson on this very necessary reform.

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THE very delightful Address given at Westminster Hospital by Dr. Wills, in which he dwelt on "the doctor in fiction," will cause a great demand in Nurses' libraries for the books he mentioned, as enabling them to read up classic characters in medicine and immortal types of doctor, from Bob Sawyer, the advertising example, down to the fine Dr. Lydgate in "Middlemarch."

MRS. HUMPHRY WARD should know more of the realities of life than to speak of her heroine in her latest book, "Sir George Tressady," "plunging into Nursing, that common outlet for the woman at war with herself or society." Surely that idea has been exploded this twenty years.

THE Kingston Board of Guardians have still under consideration the re-organisation scheme for the Nurses in the male Infirmary. Matters are in a very unsatisfactory condition at this Infirmary, resignations from the Nurses continue to come in, and the staff keeps below the regulation strength. Rumours of internal trials and troubles prevent Nurses from answering the oft-repeated advertisements for them which the anxious Kingston Guardians continue to insert.

THE Hon. Secretaries of the Hull District Nursing Association state that all the Nurses on the staff are fully trained, each having previously had at least three years' Hospital training; two of them possess the Queen Victoria Jubilee Nurses' Badge, and are, therefore, "Queens' Nurses." From the annual report, they are doing a vast amount of good, but the work of the Association is restricted for need of funds. Hull is a wealthy town; we hope to hear a better report of its benevolence in the future.

A CHARMING new Nurses' Home in connection with the Bristol General Hospital has just been opened. On the occasion of the opening, Mr. Joseph Fry took the opportunity of paying a high tribute to the Matron, Miss Morris, and her staff of Nurses.

A HOSPITAL Secretary writes to the *Charity Record*, somewhat exercised in his mind concerning Cycling Corps for Nurses. He wants to know where the machines are to be stored, and who is to clean them—very pertinent questions—to the latter of which, no doubt, the Nurses will make answer—the same person who, in the large majority of Hospitals, *cleans our boots*.

THE Earl of Meath speaking to a resolution before the Rathdrum Board of Guardians, in

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