

Nursing Echoes.

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It will not be necessary to remind old members of the Royal British Nurses' Association that Monday, the 7th of December, is the ninth birthday of the Association, that being the day on which it was founded at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, by half a dozen earnest Matrons, who later took such an active part for six years in the laborious work for the Royal Charter.

It is deeply to be regretted that the high ideal of professional proficiency advocated by these ladies, has been discouraged by the Hon. Officers and those who joined the Association after the Charter was won, and it is not surprising that the denial to the Matrons and Nurses of any real power in their own Association, by a few of the medical members, has produced the bitter resentment which tyranny and injustice will ever arouse.

A BRANCH of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses has been started in Oban, N.B., and Miss Henrietta Stewart, R.R.C., has consented to act as president.

ON NOVEMBER 26th Mr. A. W. Isenthal gave an extremely interesting lecture at the Royal British Nurses' Association Rooms on the application of the Röntgen Rays to surgical diagnosis. The lantern slides used to illustrate the lecture were admirable.

Dr. HONEY stated before the Louth Board of Guardians during an enquiry into the over-worked condition of their Infirmary Nurse, who was resigning on account of ill-health, that the Nurse had not taken advantage of the services in the wards of the Superintendent of the Laundry. We should like to know if this head laundress is a trained Nurse. Does Dr. Honey think her capacity for washing towels gives her a *locus standi* for the washing of the sick? We notice frequently that Guardians seem to consider there is an intimate relation between laundrying and nursing.

It was stated, and the statement was supported by several delegates at the Union of Women

Workers' Conference at Manchester, that women resign their appointments on very frivolous grounds. It is true that Hospital Nurses frequently do. The Chairman of the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum Board recently said he was at one of the district asylums a few days ago, and four Nurses resigned. One did not like lectures, another did not have enough time for recreation, and a third did not like the Nurse who sat next to her. That was the kind of trivial reason they gave for leaving. Women like this are clearly no loss to the Nursing world, but they are trying factors in the lives of Matrons and Sisters. A preliminary course of three months would weed out such useless beings from the Probationer ranks.

Mr. Hatfield, at the same Board meeting, said he "believed half the Probationers who came to the Asylum took up nursing because they thought they would like it, and after the novelty had worn off found the occupation monotonous."

THE Girl's Friendly Society Home of Rest is a pleasant holiday home either in summer or winter. It is situated very charmingly between the little town of Malvern and the village of Malvern Wells, and it is a Home where many Nurses go to take advantage of the fine recuperating air for which Malvern has won its fame. Nurses and Governesses are taken at the small fee of 16s. per week, provided they are willing to share a bedroom with a friend or another guest in the Home.

A CORRESPONDENT writes: Can anyone unriddle me the following ringworm riddle which I cut from the *Morning Post*?

RINGWORM.—A highly qualified Lady RECEIVES PUPILS for Education and treatment; highest references eminent and most successful physician.

Is this a new degree—a qualification for Ringworm?

THE Leighton Buzzard Nursing Association has been in existence a year only, but is evidently organised on right lines, and is fortunate in its appointment of Miss Phelps as Nurse. Miss Peter, the Inspector of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Nursing Association, has inspected the work done at Leighton during the year, and reports as follows:—1.—Nurses' Work: This is satisfactorily, skilfully, and devotedly carried out. 2.—Nurses' Equipment: Very neat; appliances particularly, neatly and carefully kept. 3.—Manner in which the nursing books are kept: Very neat. 4.—General remarks: An excellent report in every respect has been re-

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