

Nursing Echoes.

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WE shall next week publish the paper entitled "Nursing in Metropolitan Infirmaries," read by Miss Frances Hughes, Matron of the Kensington Infirmary, at the Nursing Conference.

WE have to acknowledge, with gratitude, a cheque for £5 5s., kindly sent by Mr. Nathaniel Cohen, as a donation to the Nurses Home of

Rest at Brighton.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—"I was so glad to read your remarks concerning the management of children's wards in last week's issue. These wards can be kept too tidy and spic and span for the real happiness of the sick little ones. Many women are by disposition quite unsuited to have charge of children—sick or well, and the Sister of a children's ward should be most carefully selected. She must have by nature a strong maternal instinct and real love for children, otherwise her rule is not instructive and successful. True children's Nurses are born, not made, and to see some women handle a baby makes one feel, after all, that marriage and maternity is not woman's only vocation."

A MATRON writes:—"I am always glad to see the name of Miss Landale attached to an article in the RECORD; she has the knack of going to the root of her subject, and it is to be hoped that her excellent 'Hints to Sisters' in your last week's issue will be widely read. We women are altogether too 'parochial' in our views, and often use tyranny when authority would suffice. This is always the result of the newly acquired liberty of the slave. We are, however, growing more liberal in our views every day, and in sympathy with our fellow workers, thanks to the weekly stimulus and help in the pages of your inspiring paper."

Many thanks, dear colleague.

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A HOME Hospital Sister writes:—"In your most interesting accounts of the exhibits lately on view at St. Martin's Town Hall no mention was made of a set of glass bottles engraved in bright scarlet letters notifying the strength of various antiseptic lotions. These bottles appeared to me admirable for Home Hospital purposes, where such poisonous lotions are usually kept in the patients' rooms ready for dressing purposes. How many accidents have occurred in such Institutions from the careless labelling of lotion bottles. These most useful additions to a well organised Home Hospital surgical cupboard are to be obtained at Messrs. Maw, Son, & Thompson, of Aldersgate Street, E.C. I was also greatly taken with the glass slabs for spreading ointment, made by the same firm. Indeed, dear Madam, I came away from your delightful Exhibition having gained many most useful nursing wrinkles, and sincerely hope we may have the advantage of being able to visit such an Exhibition periodically. It is so good for us Nurses to grasp the truth that science is making such rapid strides that it is impossible without an effort to keep up with the times, and that nursing is a science was distinctly demonstrated at the Exhibition."

WE have received numbers of such kindly and appreciative letters, the majority offering personal help and co-operation for a future Nursing Exhibition. We hope, however, that should such an Exhibition again take place in London that our original suggestion will be acted upon, that the Royal British Nurses' Association should carry out such educational schemes as the members consider beneficial to themselves and the public. Time will show.

A CORRESPONDENT writes: "Like many ward Sisters, I take a very keen interest in the beauty of my ward, and now that we receive so many flowers we have an opportunity of setting off our tables to the best advantage. 'Greenery' is often very lacking in the floral contributions sent, and I have found it an excellent plan to invest in some bunches of the lovely dried and pressed maiden-hair fern which is for sale in some of our leading shops. It is mounted on wire, and so does not spoil by being put in the water with living flowers. It really looks most beautiful, and makes quite common flowers look very refined and choice. I am thinking what a boon these dried ferns will be at Christmas, Easter, and other festive times, when really to make one's wards look nice makes a terrible inroad on small incomes."

GREAT sympathy will be felt for the relations of Mrs. J. L. Stubbs, whose sad death has, no

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