

proved in Court that the matter was widely discussed among the hon. officers themselves. Furthermore, having distinctly proved, both at the annual meeting, and in Court, that I hold the receipt for the registration of my letter; and so far, no public retraction of her misstatement having been made by Miss Guiseppi, I can only surmise that the officials and Executive Committee support her in her conduct, which, viewed from the most charitable standpoint, exhibits reprehensible carelessness in the performance of her duty as Acting Secretary of our Corporation.

I am, dear Madam, yours faithfully,
MARGARET BREAY.

Nursing Echoes.

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WE beg to acknowledge with much gratitude a donation of £1 1s. from Mr. J. Tooth, of 38, St. Aubyns, Hove (through Miss Rose Conway, R.B.N.A.), for Sir Julian Goldsmid's Home of Rest at Brighton. We have also most gladly received many letters of late from nurses whom we have not the pleasure of knowing personally, expressing themselves in highly appreciative terms of the comfort of the Home of Rest.

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AT the annual meeting of the Brighton and Hove Lying-in Institution for Women and Children, the Mayor made the satisfactory announcement that, though they had begun the year with a deficit of £266 12s. 3d., they had now a sum of £77 11s. 8d. on the right side. The number of patients attended in their confinement at their own homes during the past year was 1,024. The out-patients numbered 765, and the in-patients 85. Out of 27 midwifery pupils who had been instructed during the year, 26 had passed the examination of the London Obstetrical Society. Miss E. C. Parry, M.R.B.N.A., was appointed as matron of the hospital in the early part of the year, and had proved herself most efficient. It will be remembered that Miss Parry is one of those ladies who recently protested against the admission of mental attendants to the Register of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

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THE work of the Lady Superintendent--Miss Harding, and the nursing staff of the Jenny Lind Hospital, at Norwich, was very gracefully

acknowledged in the Report of the Committee of Management at the annual meeting, which took place on the 11th inst. We so often peruse reports to subscribers from committees—in which no reference to the quality or quantity of the work of the nursing department is made—that we notice this departure at Norwich with pleasure.

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THE Sanitary Committee of West Bromwich Town Council are to be congratulated upon the report lately submitted, in which they state that they have received complaints against the nursing staff of the condition in which inmates of the Infectious Hospital have been kept and sent home during the past year. A prolonged and careful investigation has taken place, and the complaints in the cases inquired into proved to be well founded. In consequence the committee have fully considered the whole question of the administration and the nursing staff of the hospital, and are of opinion that a radical change is necessary. They have accepted the resignation of Nurse Ada Tibbetts, to take effect on February 25th. Having heard certain suggestions from the medical officer, they have decided to make the following recommendations:—

(a) That a head nurse or matron be appointed who shall have had a complete hospital training; she shall be responsible for the conduct of all nurses and female servants, who shall be engaged by her subject to the approval of the committee.

She shall sign all orders for the supply of provisions and other goods for the hospital, and generally act under the directions of the medical officer, subject to the committee.

(b) Since the present administrative block will not provide sufficient accommodation for the matron and her nurses as well as the porter, a lodge should be erected at the gate, in which could be accommodated the porter and any other male servant who might at any time be employed.

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THE inefficient nursing in workhouse infirmaries is an ever-recurring scandal. The latest instance of the neglect of Guardians to insist that the sick under their care are properly nursed was brought out at an inquest, held at the Town Hall, Newport, upon the body of an infant which had been overlaid in the maternity ward of the Newport Infirmary during the night. The coroner, in questioning the day nurse, elicited that there was only one night nurse, who had to look after 133 people in ten or eleven different wards; she had a male pauper to help her in the men's wards, but no one in the women's wards. The medical officer, Dr. Thomas McCormack, on being questioned, stated that the nurse was "a woman about sixty years of age, neither skilled in nursing nor certificated. She had, however, had a good deal of experience in watching the sick."

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