

of five years, to her fellow member as a free gift. We shall be pleased to place the advertisement columns of this journal at the disposal of any member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, who may be anxious to obtain back numbers of the *Nurses' Journal*, through the medium of which they will doubtless obtain the copies required, at published price of sixpence, or probably considerably less.

THE adoption of nurses' uniform, by persons who have no possible right to it, in the London streets, has long been a public scandal. We learn now from the *Daily Mail*, that women of questionable morals are going a step further, and for purposes of their own, are adopting the habit of Sisters of Charity. These persons have visited the East End, street by street, and left infamous cards at most of the houses. We are told that they have "made a mistake occasionally, and been somewhat roughly handled." It is to be hoped that these women may put themselves within reach of the law, and obtain the due reward of their evil doings.

ASSISTANT NURSE A. E. Carey, and Probationer A. Lythall, have obtained the prizes at the Bristol Royal Infirmary, given after examination on a course of surgical lectures. We are glad to observe that improvements have been carried out in the mortuary of the same institution, and in the regulations for its management.

THE Sarah Acland Home, has lost a warm friend and supporter in Miss E. E. Smith. This lady was the foundress of district nursing in Oxford, as for seven years before the commencement of the Acland Memorial she had, at her own cost, supported a nurse to work amongst the poor of that city. When the Acland Home was founded, she became a member of the committee, and from that time to the day of her death, took the keenest interest in its work. She left the Home a legacy of £100 besides various pictures, and the contents of her cellar for the use of the sick.

THE new buildings of the Sarah Acland Home are approaching completion, but the sum of £2,000 has still to be raised, if it is to be freed from debt. This does not include the sum required for heating apparatus, grates, electric light, lift, fittings, &c. It is to be hoped that the necessary amount may soon be forthcoming. The good work done by this Institution is well-known, and it is deserving of cordial support. The £4,000 already spent upon the Home is derived from two sources only. A testimonial of £3,000 presented to Sir Henry Acland, and

devoted by him to this purpose, and a gift of £1,000 by Mr. R. Lehmann, as the H. B. Cotton Memorial.

WE have before alluded to the good work done at Southport by the Invalid Kitchen in connection with the District Nursing Society. The Kitchen is open every morning at 10 o'clock, and visitors who may be interested in its work are welcomed. Any one wishing to have dinners conveyed to needy invalids, can do so by sending their addresses to the office, and enclosing postal orders for the money they wish to spend. Dinners are then sent as long as the money lasts.

THE *Macclesfield Courier*, which we find is edited by a gentleman, until lately a Governor of the Macclesfield Infirmary, and therefore partly responsible for the obsolete regulations by which it is mismanaged—generously bestows nearly a column upon quoting and criticising our remarks in last week's "Echoes." He opens his editorial remarks with the words in *very* large type. "The snake in the grass, who uses the NURSING RECORD to try to disparage the management of Macclesfield Infirmary, returns to its dirty work of misrepresentation in last week's issue of that periodical."

Now, we have to thank the Editor of the *Courier*—for reprinting *in extenso*, our "dirty work of misrepresentation." We are pleased to observe that he has thereby brought our indisputable and dispassionate arguments to the notice of his readers. We only hope that every Governor of the Infirmary, will read, learn, and inwardly digest them.

To the Editor of the *Courier* we would suggest that "seeing snakes" where they do not exist, is an hallucination, denoting a mental condition which demands immediate medical advice.

As we reported in a recent issue, Nurse Lambart, who exposed details of mismanagement at the Boston Workhouse Infirmary, has resigned—or, as the *Guardians* express it, has been "got rid of," and this in spite of the fact that she was acknowledged to be an excellent nurse. But still, the *Guardians* are not happy; a certain Nurse Fulker, the night nurse, having had the hardihood to interview those gentlemen, and question them concerning their desire "to clear her out" by Tuesday, and to demand reasons for their action. She remarked "that everybody who had left the House had gone away with something against their character, and she would refuse to go unless she had a satisfactory reason." In this she showed her

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