

Nursing Echoes.

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As we go to press the Conference of the Matrons' Council is being held, at which, as we announced, the paper by Mrs. Isabel Hunter Robb, late Superintendent of the Johns Hopkins Training School for Nurses, upon the interesting subject "The Organisation of Nurse Training School Alumnae Associations" is to be read. We hope to reprint this paper at an early date.

WE are sorry that, owing to want of space, we are unable to print this week the valuable paper read by Miss Margaret Breay at a meeting of the St. John's House Debating Society, entitled "How can Private Nurses keep in Touch with Modern Methods?" We hope to do so in our next issue.

THE Cycling Club uniform of the Guy's Nursing Staff consists of a navy blue serge coat and skirt with a blue and white cotton or white woollen shirt, with black or white sailor hat with black band or Guy's colours. The skirts must be at least three inches off the ground; they must not be more than three yards wide; they must have no binding or braid at the bottom, and they must fasten at the side. Mr. Cosmo Bonsor, the new Treasurer, has presented several cycles for the use of the members of the Club.

TERRIBLE neglect of the patients by the Nurse in the Okehampton Workhouse has resulted in the Guardians demanding her resignation. "Bleeding bed-sores" and "sick people caked with dirt" are an absolute disgrace to all concerned. We are glad the Guardians have acted promptly in this deplorable affair.

THE resignation of Nurse Salt in connection with the St. Agnes District Nursing Association

at Plymouth has been received with extreme regret by the Ladies' Committee and the poor amongst whom she ministered.

AN interesting ceremony took place in the Corn Exchange upon the resignation of Nurse Judson as District Nurse at Hinckley, where she has worked with great devotion amongst the poor for five years. Mr. W. H. Sale moved the following resolution:—"That our best thanks are due to Nurse Judson for her great kindness, and for the assiduousness which she has always displayed in the discharge of her duties, and that it is with great regret that we find she is leaving us." Dr. Herring seconded, testifying to the esteem in which the Nurse was held by the inhabitants of the town, and remarking that she had had charge of 320 cases of illness since coming among them, which had involved visits on 9,750 occasions. The resolution was carried unanimously with applause. A presentation was made, in suitable terms by Mrs. Bourne, of a purse containing £22, which had been collected in amounts ranging from a penny to a £1 1s. Nurse Judson briefly acknowledged the gift, thanking the subscribers, one and all.

IN a statement of suggestions for reforms in the Nursing of the Irish Poor Law Hospitals, Dr. Joseph Smyth, of Naas, makes the following interesting remarks on nuns as nurses:—

"This has been called a delicate and dangerous question to touch. It has, however, got to be faced. To ignore it or to misconstrue it won't help to settle it. In the supervision and discipline of the Hospital, in the management of its domestic duties, in the spiritual comfort to the sick and dying, there will be found scope and sphere enough for the exercise of the highest usefulness of the nuns, while the manual work of scientific Nursing can only be done by a trained Nurse. The combination is infinitely superior to either, and neither has any real advantage of economy over the combination of both. The science and art of Nursing are not learned in a nun's novitiate, and they are not acquired by inspiration. The vocation of a nun, though a priceless foundation, cannot of itself make a Hospital Nurse, neither can years of mere experience. There must be training, not sham or makeshift training, but honest Hospital training, under efficient teaching. The best answer to the calumny that the advocates of trained Nursing are irreligious, Freemasons, and hostile to nuns, is the fact that in the Hospitals absolutely owned and controlled by nuns trained Nurses are employed because they are absolutely necessary. I have had a long and intimate acquaintance with the work done by the Sisters of Mercy in the wards of the Naas Union Infirmary. I have had personal experience of the state of things that existed before their time. I have seen the change they have made, the moral and material order they have introduced. I can bear testimony to the great civilising influence they have been, acting like a moral

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