

Nursing Echoes.

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At the garden party given by the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn in honour of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York, the Lady Superintendent, Miss L. H. Hayes, and the members of the nursing staff of the County Tyrone Infirmary, Omagh, had the honour of being presented to their Royal Highnesses. We hear that the neat appearance of the nurses was greatly admired—outward and visible sign, we always consider, of a well-organized nursing school—and we congratulate Miss Hayes that her arduous work for seven years at the Tyrone Infirmary has resulted in effecting numerous reforms, which are being locally recognized as extremely beneficial to the patients admitted to the institution of which she is the active Lady Superintendent. A new hospital for the County Tyrone is in process of erection.

MR. BRUCE CLARKE, F.R.C.S., Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has been appointed Lecturer to the probationary-nurses of that institution, *vice* Mr. W. J. Walsham, who has resigned his Lectureship after several years' teaching. Mr. Walsham's courses of lectures on surgical nursing were greatly appreciated by the probationers, as they were eminently scientific and practical. We feel sure his resignation will be received with genuine regret by his nurse pupils.

It is reported that there are several members of the nursing staff of the Royal Free Hospital suffering with typhoid fever, and that one case has ended fatally. We hope the reason of the outbreak has been discovered, and that no further cases of this serious illness will occur amongst the nurses.

On Tuesday last, at the Mile End Infirmary, a very interesting ceremony took place in the presentation, to Miss Elizabeth Stewart, Assistant Matron, of a massive marble clock and a pretty flower vase, by the Nursing Staff of the Infirmary, on her leaving to take up the important position of Matron of the City of London Infirmary. The presentation took place in the spacious Nurses' Recreation Room, where all the nurses were assembled to give their expressions of gladness at the pleasing function. Mr. T. A. Spratley (Steward of the Infirmary), in making the presentation on

behalf of the whole of the Nursing Staff, said it was with mingled feelings of regret and pleasure that they had met there to bid farewell to their able leader and tutor. Whilst regretting the severance, he rejoiced at the cause, which was to fulfil a higher and more responsible position in a neighbouring institution, where they had no doubt Miss Stewart would soon win the esteem and respect from those under her by her genial forbearance, firmness, and kindness, as she had done in this institution during nearly seven years. She had taken an important part in the training of all those she saw around her, and it was the universal respect of the nurses which had prompted them to ask her to accept, as a token of their esteem, the marble clock which he had much pleasure in presenting on behalf of every nurse in the Infirmary. The engraved inscription on the clock read as follows: "Presented to Miss L. Stewart by the Nursing Staff of the Mile End Infirmary, upon her retirement, as a mark of respect and esteem."

In conclusion, he wished Miss Stewart a long life, health, and happiness in the new sphere of duty she was about to enter upon. Miss Stewart, in suitably replying, said she valued much the kind words spoken on behalf of the nurses, and the handsome time-piece they had given her, which she would value, not so much for its intrinsic worth, as for the kind feelings which prompted it, and hoped that the nurses would continue to carry out their duties in a conscientious and kindly manner at all times.

It was recently stated at an inquest held at the Marylebone Coroner's Court by Mr. H. R. Oswald, Deputy Coroner, that Mrs. Connor, the person upon whom the inquest was held, was knocked down by a four-wheel cab, and was taken to the Middlesex Hospital, where she died the same day. "Two hospital nurses were in the cab at the time, but they got out and walked away without rendering any assistance." We should have been glad if the witness had substantiated this statement by giving the names of the nurses and the hospital to which they belonged. It seems almost incredible that any nurses should be so heartless. We should be glad to hear their version of the matter.

We are glad to observe that some correspondence is appearing in the columns of the *Daily Chronicle* on nursing matters. A letter from "Sister Lily" in a recent issue comments upon points raised in previous letters, in which the writer expresses the opinion that "before nurses can register, organize, or protect themselves in any way, they must obtain a legal maximum of hours of labour." While entirely agreeing with "Sister Lily" that the hours of labour of many nurses are far too long, we must point out that she is putting the cart before the horse when she desires to obtain

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