

Nursing Echoes.

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WE have much pleasure in announcing that Mrs. Lionel Lucas, a generous friend to nurses, has now collected £300 towards the Endowment Fund of the Sir Julian Goldsmid's Home of Rest for Nurses.

MR. CHARLES BAILY, of Brighton; who has been a liberal subscriber to the Home of Rest, has just shown his kind thought for nurses in offering to place two beds, free of cost, for six weeks, at the disposal of the Relief Committee at Maidstone, for the use of nurses who may require rest and change from the arduous duties in which they have been engaged, nursing the sufferers with typhoid fever during the last three months.

A WEEKLY service, specially for nurses, is now held at the Old Church, Maidstone, on Tuesdays, at 3 p.m. Nearly one hundred nurses attend these restful services, and come away, we may hope, refreshed in mind and body, and invigorated to engage once more in the struggle with the dire disease which has of late held the beautiful city of Maidstone in its deadly grip.

THE matron of the London Samaritan Society's Home and Hospital, Sandgate, will gladly receive and acknowledge gifts of books, illustrated papers, and games which any friends can spare to help pass away the hours of convalescence of the 200 odd Maidstone typhoid convalescent patients when they are unable to go out.

ON Monday Princess Christian presented the certificates won by the Norwood St. John Ambulance members. There was a large company, with Lord Knutsford at its head, to receive her Royal Highness, and assist at the distribution of 334 medallions and certificates.

It is a curious coincidence that the sisters of "Sarah Grand" and "George Egerton" were both trained and certificated as nurses at St. Bartholomew's Hospital; and, indeed, "George Egerton" spent one month in the hospital as a Probationer, but her highly-sensitive nature made it impossible for her to voluntarily endure the sight of human suffering.

"SISTER ABERNETHY"—so well known to a succession of nurses, trained at Bart.'s—has lately resigned, after many years of good and faithful work. An interesting ceremony took place upon her saying farewell to her colleagues; Miss Isla Stewart, the Matron, in an appreciative speech, presenting her with a testimonial and a purse containing upwards of £70 from her old pupils and fellow workers. We hope "Sister Abernethy"—for she is best known by her professional title—will enjoy many years of rest, after her years of honourable work.

ON Tuesday, the 16th inst., a meeting was held at the Lambeth Infirmary for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Miss Tomkins, the Assistant Matron, who is about to leave.

The Matron (Miss Griffiths), the Assistant Matrons, and as many Nurses as could be spared from the wards were present. The Chaplain (the Rev. T. H. Leale), having been called upon by Miss Griffiths to give expression to the thoughts and feelings, both of those present and of the subscribers, made a brief speech.

He referred to the long and faithful services of Miss Tomkins for a period extending over eighteen years, and to the universal testimony to the ability and conscientious care with which these services have always been rendered.

He dwelt especially upon the fact that many of the patients had often expressed to him during the last fifteen years of his office, as Chaplain, their admiration of Miss Tomkins' character, and the kind consideration which she had always shown towards them. He then announced the direct object of the meeting, which was to present to Miss Tomkins some substantial token of the esteem and regard in which she is held.

This consisted of a handsome travelling bag with silver fittings, a travelling rug, and a purse containing some gold and silver coins.

In presenting these to Miss Tomkins, the Chaplain dwelt especially upon the fact, that this testimonial was not got up in obedience to mere custom, or by awe of authority, but was altogether spontaneous, every one being most eager to contribute.

The speaker concluded by saying that the Infirmary would lose in Miss Tomkins an Officer whose ability and faithfulness were acknowledged by all witnesses of her career, and whose moral influence in the Institution has always been of a high order.

He was only expressing the most heartfelt wishes of the numerous Subscribers to the Testimonial, when he earnestly prayed that many years of health and prosperity might be granted to Miss Tomkins in that peaceful retirement which she had well and nobly earned. Miss Tomkins—who was much affected—having briefly expressed her thanks, the Meeting was brought to a close.

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