

Nursing Echoes.

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WE have special pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of a cheque for £10 10s. from Mr. S. R. Zunz for the Nurses' Home of Rest at Brighton, because this generous gift is the direct outcome of the personal interest and appreciation of the Home by a member of the London Association of Nurses. This lady invited her patient to visit the Home, which he did most kindly, and, with the matron, he made a thorough inspection from basement to bedroom. We therefore value the gift the more.

WE often think how satisfactory it would be if the nurses who visit the Home, and who express themselves in cordial terms about it, would each try to obtain amongst their friends one annual subscription. A thoroughly well appointed house needs constant expenditure to keep it fresh and dainty, and we all know how much time and thought Mrs. McIntyre gives in order to keep all the rooms looking bright and speckless. We do not only need an income of £200 a year, but we believe in sound finance, and we should much like to obtain that amount of income from safely invested capital, towards which, as we know, Mrs. Lionel Lucas collected £300 last year. We feel sure much could be done towards this desirable end, if every friend of the Home would interest another.

OLD Barts. nurses would hardly know the Kenton Block, so many improvements have been made of late; parquet floors, new and very handsome bedsteads, painted white, and fitted with excellent copper coiled spring mattresses, topped with the best hair overlays, upon which a fracture can be efficiently nursed; walnut lockers and bed table in one, and many other comforts. The lobby is now floored with terrazzo, and the landing with parquet, the fine old staircases remaining intact with their wide shallow steps and handsome polished balusters, and we hope it will be many a day before they are replaced by more modern and surely less lovely constructions.

WE have had the pleasure of going over St. Andrew's Chambers, Wells Street—charmingly furnished and arranged by Miss Debenham for Nurses. The rooms are very dainty, and can be

taken either by the day, week, or year. Good nourishing food is also to be obtained at so much a meal, and there is a nice, little dining-room and sitting-room. There are bath-rooms on each floor, which can be freely used by the nurses. A furnished bed-room, shared by two nurses, can be rented for £20 a year, which also includes sitting-room, fires, attendance, use of dining-room and bath-room. The charge for board is moderate, and the only extras are the portage of luggage, boot cleaning, and a fire in the bed-room. This pleasant little hotel is already very popular, and the rooms in requisition.

THE Annual Meeting of the nurses of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, was held on New Year's Day, at the Dispensary Hall, Castle Street. The Lord Provost presided, and, in wishing all present a "Happy New Year," remarked that there was no body of workers who deserved more of the sympathy of the citizens than the many nurses who were devoting their lives to the allaying of suffering and the curing of disease. In the course of his remarks, the Lord Provost also alluded to the scheme, inaugurated by him, as the most suitable for the City of Glasgow to carry out in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee—the rebuilding of the Royal Infirmary—and asked the forbearance of the nursing staff with regard to any little discomforts to which they might be subjected while the scheme of reconstruction was going on.

MR. HUGH BROWN, Chairman of the Committee of Management, then made his usual annual statement, and, in doing so, said that "Mrs. Strong informed the Board that she had great reason to be pleased with the work done by those under her charge, to whom, in fact, more than to any others, they were indebted for the splendid results, under all disadvantages, they had obtained in the institution. They had lately lost some of their best nurses, but while they regretted this, they were proud of the fact. Four of their nurses had been sent to take charge of institutions in South America, two had gone to South Africa, and one to an institution in the neighbourhood of Shields." The high standard of efficiency maintained with regard to the nursing staff of the Glasgow Infirmary under the able superintendence of Mrs. Strong, is well known, and it is gratifying that a just recognition of this has been made by the Chairman of the Infirmary. Mr. Hugh Brown also referred to the compliment paid to the Infirmary in the honours which had been conferred upon Lord Lister and Sir William Gairdner, both former members of the Infirmary Staff.

WE are indebted to Sister Child, one of the nurses who worked in Greece during the late war, for

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