

Nursing Echoes.

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WE have pleasure in acknowledging a donation of £1 is. from Miss Edith G. Harris to Sir Julian Goldsmid's Home of Rest at Brighton.

FRIENDS of the Registered Nurses' Society will be glad to hear that December, 1897, was the busiest month for the members since the inauguration of the Society. The secretary received many more calls for nurses than she could supply, although a great addition has been made to the number of members this winter.

It was reported at the Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Management of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital that during the past quarter certificates and medals had been presented by the board to five nurses who had completed three years' training in the hospital and passed satisfactory examinations.

THE subscribers to the Ladies' Charity, Warwick, have decided to retain Sister Monica in her position as maternity nurse, notwithstanding the change in her religious views. They resolved to "take no action at present," so it may be supposed that the protests of the Earl and Countess of Warwick against religious intolerance have been effective.

ON the occasion of the Annual Supper, given by the Rector of Spraxton, Somerset, to the Church Workers, the Rector presented the parish nurse (Nurse Lizzie) with a gold watch as a token of the affection and esteem of the Parishioners. The Rector, in making the presentation, said that he was quite sure the nurse was beloved by them all. He was glad the presentation was a watch. He hoped the nurse would have a little more regard for the time for her own sake, as he often found the pony going the wrong way. He was sure in her labour amongst them she never asked herself what was her strict duty, but what good she could do, and it was this that had so endeared her to them all. The task of collecting subscriptions had been a most pleasant one, as the parishioners had responded almost unanimously, and the list of subscribers contained over one hundred and forty names. The nurse expressed her thanks for, and her high appreciation of, the gift.

THE Darwen District Nursing Society has, during the past year, engaged a nurse for maternity work, in addition to the two nurses who are already engaged in general nursing. The new departure was initiated by Mrs. Huntington, the Mayoress, the President of the District Nursing Society, who is keenly interested in the scheme. Mrs. Huntington is hopeful that another nurse may be engaged who will undertake maternity work at night. The plan, is, we think, an excellent one. We cannot deem it right that nurses who are doing general district work should undertake to nurse maternity cases, but if only one maternity nurse be employed, the constant calls at night will sooner or later inevitably break down her health. If, therefore, two nurses can be employed, who will do night and day work alternately, the best results will, we think, be obtained.

WE regret to say that Miss Louisa Jeffery, the infants' nurse at the Newton Abbot Infirmary, is seriously ill. Dr. Culross wrote to the Board of Guardians, stating that the nurse was suffering from a very grave form of enteritis, which he believed to be due to typhoid fever. He felt it his duty to call the Board's attention to the fact that the sanitary condition of the room in which Miss Jeffery had been working was far from satisfactory; and that this had been brought to the knowledge of the Board on more than one occasion by him. Lately the condition of affairs had been aggravated by the deplorable overcrowding of the infants' day-room and bed room, and the defective lavatory accommodation.

THE Visiting Committee have been instructed to give immediate attention to the matter. We wonder if they will arrive at any conclusion as to the reason why the Board did not act upon the former reports of their medical officer. Is it necessary that the truth of medical reports should be substantiated by the severe illness or death of a nurse before any notice is taken of them?

THE following Scottish nurses have fulfilled the necessary requirements to be admitted as new Queen's nurses. Their names have been sent up to the Queen, and have been placed on the Queen's roll:—Annie G. Buchanan, Wick; Grace P. Campbell, Aberdeen; Janet Carstairs, Tobermory; Elizabeth Fisher, Stornoway; Emily Holden, Dundee; Anne J. Little, Bellshill; Elizabeth Mackenzie, Glen Urquhart; Sara Macallum, Tobermory; Marian M'Quarie, Paisley; Priscilla Paterson, Wick; Kate Porter, Stewarton; Bethia Bennie, Uddingston; Margaret Sinclair, Port Glasgow; Grace Strange, Douglas Dale; Elizabeth S. D. Tralan, Strachur (Argyll); Janet Turner, Johnstone.

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