

Nursing Echoes.

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MISS SHIRLEY, the Lady Superintendent of the Staffordshire Institution for Nurses, Stoke-on-Trent, has kindly sent two very handsome embossed leather blotters to Sir Julian Goldsmid's Home of Rest for Nurses, on behalf of the Staffordshire Institution. She writes:—"Our nurses have been so happy there," and adds: "I was at the Home a fortnight ago, and was

charmed with it all, and Mrs. MacIntyre." It is a great pleasure to us to know that the Home is appreciated by those for whose benefit it was planned.

WE notice that, under the will of the late Baroness Howard de Walden, the Home for Nurses at Portland Town, which is to be built at a cost of £14,500, receives £8,500. The Nurses' Co-operation will contribute the remaining £6,000. Miss K. Phillippa Hicks, the late Lady Superintendent of the Nurses' Co-operation, also receives a legacy of £1,500.

THE Countess of Lonsdale, last week, took the chair at the second annual meeting of the Cumberland Nursing Association, of which she is President. There was a large and influential assembly. The President opened the proceedings by reading the Annual Report, which stated that there are now 17 nurses at work in connection with the Association. Of these, 4 are Queen's Nurses, and 13 village nurses. The training of the village nurses has consisted of not less than six months at Plaistow, or three months at the Edinburgh or Glasgow Maternity Hospitals, and three months at Carlisle under the head nurse of the City District Nursing Association. The Committee realize that this training cannot be regarded as complete, and they consider it most important that the practical and theoretical knowledge which has been acquired should be retained. They have, therefore, arranged that all village nurses, except those holding a three years' certificate, should go through a quarterly written

examination. On the proposition of Lord Muncaster, Lady Lonsdale was unanimously re-elected as President, and returned thanks in an appropriate little speech.

At the recent annual meeting of the South Moulton Nursing Association, the chair was taken by the President, Lady Susan Fortescue, who said that since a nurse had been employed, there, as well as everywhere else, it seemed to be generally recognized that the services of a trained nurse are of great value. She heard from the Secretary of the Devon Association that her Society was making slow but sure progress in the county. Since its promotion 14 districts had been started under its rule, besides other parishes which have nurses working independently. Two women had been trained in maternity work, and two had gone through training in the Salisbury Hospital. The Association hopes to train several more next year, only they were always afraid of having nurses on their hands, new districts being so slow in forming owing to the difficulty of obtaining the necessary funds. Nurses certainly could not help being rather expensive, useful, almost necessary, as they were in certain places, and she had never heard of any Board of Guardians (other than the Dulverton one), who had voted some assistance from their funds. She did not know if this laudable practice still continues, but thought their own Guardians might be safely approached on the subject, because by so helping they would be promoting a sure source of economy to the rate-payers.

IT is to be regretted that the County Nursing Associations which are now beginning to be formed, and which assuredly are needed, should so often work on the lines of giving their nurses a short, and, in some instances, only a special training. We fear that this will mar the usefulness which might well be accomplished by the County Nursing Associations. District nurses more, even, than hospital nurses, need to attain to a high standard of practical knowledge.

DR. WALKER, Senior Surgeon to the Lowestoft Hospital, has wisely withdrawn his threat to resign his official position if the Matron were not dismissed by the Committee, a course of action which, after enquiry into the counter charges between the Surgeon and the Matron, they did not feel justified in taking. The incident is now closed, and we hope harmony will reign in the future between the hospital officials; but before us lies the press report of a similar attack made on a previous Matron in

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