

Lord Leicester has given a further donation of £10,000 to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. His lordship has already given £5,000 to the institution.

The question as to the terms to be made between the Manchester City Council and the Infirmary Board, concerning the Royal Infirmary is not yet settled. Proposals by the Special Infirmary Committee, counter proposals from the Infirmary Board, and numerous conferences having no special result seem the order of the day at present. It is to be hoped that the matter may shortly be settled.

We are sorry to notice that the Committee of the Cardiff Infirmary have been obliged to close a ward for women "until the actual income of the institution shall justify its being reopened."

The Empress Frederic of Germany has consented to lay the foundation stone of the new Children's Hospital, Nottingham, but is unable at present to fix a date. In a sympathetic letter the Empress promised to work, and make one or two drawings for the Bazaar, which she has also consented to open.

The late Mr. Houldsworth, of Rozelle, Ayrshire, has left a fortune of nearly £300,000, and various Scotch charities will receive £20,000 under his will.

The kiss is to be put down in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where the law against kissing enacted in the reign of King Charles II. is being revived. It has been found to be among the forgotten laws of the State of Connecticut, which have not been repealed. It prescribes forty lashes for the man and thirty for the woman, administered on the bare back, caught kissing in public. The law is revived because the citizens of Newhaven complain of the Yale College students publicly kissing girls in the streets, to the injury of the town morals.

Professional Review.

"WELLCOME'S NURSES' DIARY."

NURSES who have once known the invaluable little Diary published in their interests by Messrs. Burroughs and Wellcome, of Snow Hill, London, E.C., look forward with interest to the annual issue of this publication, for, having once used it, they would find it very difficult to dispense with. The Diary for 1900 is now before us, and is in all respects equal to previous issues, while its usefulness has been increased by the adoption of suggestions received from nurses in all parts of the world. The neat and strong red leather binding with gold lettering remains the same, and the pocket at the back provides for the accommodation of the necessary pencil, a lack in many similar publications. The book is arranged as a diary, and space is also allotted and ruled for cash accounts. In addition, a large amount of useful knowledge is supplied, as, for instance, legal information which is most necessary and useful to private and district nurses, such as the nurse's duty with regard to notifiable diseases, the removal of infectious cases, registration of births and deaths, rules of quarantine, and so on. The diary must be of great use to all nurses, and we advise those who are not already acquainted with it to order a copy. We are confident that they will find it extremely useful.

Our Foreign Letter.

A correspondent has kindly sent us the following information concerning the Constitution of the New Association of Australian Nurses. We are sincerely pleased to find that a system of Registration of Nurses is one of the objects of the new Society.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

OBJECTS OF ASSOCIATION.

1. To promote the interests of Trained Nurses in all matters affecting their work as a class.
2. To establish a system of Registration for Trained Nurses.
3. To afford opportunities for discussing subjects bearing on the work of Nursing.
4. To initiate and control schemes that will afford to Nurses a means of providing an allowance during incapacity for work caused by sickness, accident, age, or other necessitous circumstances.

Constitution and Management.

The following Rules were agreed upon:—

- (i.) The governing body of the Association shall be a Council, which shall consist of the President, the Vice-President, Hon. Treasurer, two Hon. Secretaries, and eighteen members, who shall be elected as hereinafter directed, and of whom five shall form a quorum.
- (ii.) The management of the Association shall be entrusted to the governing body, who shall have power to appoint such Committees as may from time to time be deemed necessary in order to carry out the objects of the Association.

Election of Officers.

- (iii.) The election of a President, Vice-President, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Secretaries and members of Council shall be vested in the general body of members or the Association, and, except as in hereafter mentioned, shall be made at the Annual Meeting or at a Special Meeting of the members then present.
- (iv.) Until the First Annual Meeting shall be held the following shall form the Council:—Dr. Norton Manning, President; Dr. Goode, Vice-President; Sir James Fairfax, Honorary Treasurer; Dr. Clubbe, Dr. Fiaschi, Dr. Thring, Dr. James Graham; Miss Spencer, Miss Creal, Miss McMaster, Miss Venables, Miss Gould, Mrs. Joseph Graham, Matrons; Miss Ryrie, Private Hospital; Miss Sanders, Miss Johnston, Sisters; Miss Davis, Miss Wilson, Miss Godson, Nurses' Homes; Mrs. Gurney, Mrs. J. T. Wilson, Lay Members; Dr. Mills, Miss McGahey, Hon. Secretaries.
- (v.) The Council shall have power to temporarily fill any vacancy if they think it indispensable to do so.

General Management.

- (vi.) The Association shall meet quarterly, or oftener, as occasion may require, on such day and at such hour as the Council may

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