

Nursing Echoes.

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WE learn that the able paper on Registration, presented by Miss H. Poole, Matron of the Blackburn Infirmary, has been widely discussed and approved in her own county, and the Chairman of the Hospital made a point of congratulating her upon it. It was published at length in at least one leading Blackburn paper, as well as in the NURSING RECORD, so that it cannot fail to be useful in directing public attention to this important subject. Miss Poole is not only a most popular and respected member of her own profession, but her opinions have weight with many of the general public.

MISS EMMIE LOFTS, the Matron of the Lewisham Infirmary, is shortly to be married to Mr. G. F. Wates, a Government official at the Chancery Division of the Law Courts, and has, consequently, resigned the position in which she has done such excellent work. Miss Lofts is a member both of the Matrons' Council, and also of the League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses. She is keenly in sympathy with the aims of these Societies, and it may be hoped with some confidence that, when she is no longer absorbed in the arduous duties devolving upon the Matron of a large institution, she will do valuable work in forwarding the interests of her profession. Once a nurse always a nurse, and it cannot be supposed that anyone who is so keen concerning all that concerns the welfare and progress of nursing, and nursing organization, as Miss Lofts has proved herself to be, will lose her interest in them when she undertakes new duties in another sphere of life. Miss Lofts' many friends in the nursing world will, we are sure, unite with us in most cordial good wishes for her future happiness.

MATRONS who are contemplating the furnishing of new wards should certainly inspect a bedstead at Messrs. Shoobred's, Tottenham Court Road, which has been supplied to some of the surgical wards at the London Hospital, before making suggestions to their Committees concerning this most important article of furniture. The bed-

stead, with the ordinary iron framework and wire-wove mattress, stands higher than usual, and, by a simple but effective arrangement, fracture boards can be arranged under any given part of the wire mattress, affording absolute support to the injured limb, while at the same time in other parts of the bed the patient has the advantage of the yielding, comfortable mattress. The arrangement is an excellent one, and has only to be seen to be appreciated.

THE advantages and disadvantages of circular wards in hospitals have been much discussed, but one disadvantage which is claimed for them is, from the nurse's point of view, considerable. We hear that at the Liverpool Royal Infirmary the breakdown of a nurse is almost unknown, as if one is over-tired, she is placed by the Matron, on duty in one of the circular wards, and an improvement is at once seen. There is no doubt whatever that the great amount of walking done by nurses in the course of the day in the long wards of our hospitals taxes the strength of all but the most robust.

MISS ELIZA CARTWRIGHT, the Matron of the Women's Hospital at Brighton, and who did such good work in a similar position at the New Hospital for Women, Euston Road, has resigned her post in order to take a much-needed rest. Miss Cartwright's many friends and well-wishers will unite in hoping that she may speedily regain her usual vigour, for the nursing world can ill afford to spare from its ranks, even for a while, one whose professional services are of such value to it, and who possesses so keen a sense of her public duty, which she has never hesitated to perform.

THE Lisburn Board of Guardians have requested the Local Government Board to hold a sworn inquiry into the circumstances relative to the death of an epileptic patient who was recently found dead in bed in the workhouse. The report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the circumstances showed that the woman was found dead in bed by the wardmaid, shortly after 7 a.m., who immediately reported the fact to the Staff Nurse, who communicated with the Master. After detailing the facts elicited in the course of their enquiry, the Committee stated that they regretted a coroner's inquest was not held. They further regretted that they could arrive at no other conclusion than that the Night Nurse was to blame for her inattention, and recommended that she be cautioned.

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