

## Nursing Echoes.

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THE second number of the *American Journal of Nursing* is to hand, and the high standard of the first issue is fully maintained. We hope that every nurses' reading-room and club will include this journal in the list of the papers to which it regularly subscribes. We cannot without loss neglect a very steady perusal of its pages.

WE have pleasure in drawing attention to the combined clinical case book, published by Messrs. Wodderspoon and Co., 7, Serle Street, Lincoln's Inn, W.C. The case books, which cost 1s. each, are so arranged that they may be used for three separate cases of a week's duration or for one of three weeks. They are designed by a trained nurse, and the arrangement seems to us to have been exceedingly well thought out, and provision to have been made for every record likely to be required. The printing and general form are in accordance with the high standard of excellence for which Messrs. Wodderspoon are noted.

THE students of the Salpetrière Hospital have presented Mademoiselle Bottard with a medallion likeness of herself. Who is Mdlle. Bottard? it may be asked. She is (says the *Daily News*) the senior nurse of the hospital and works in the ward for incurably hysterical and mad women. She is seventy-eight years old, and has been sixty years a nurse. Mdlle. Bottard may be said to have rendered the humane reforms of Doctor Trelat practicable at the Salpetrière. He would not, perhaps, have attempted them had he not seen what wonders she worked simply by kindness, firmness, and diplomacy. Mdlle. Bottard has been telling the story of her life. She was the eldest of a family of eleven children, her parents being poor Burgundian peasants. At the age of eighteen she left home to seek a situation, and found a place, at a wage of 12f. a month, in the Salpetrière. There she has been ever since. She was slowly promoted to her present place of directing nurse. The idea that she must leave at the age of eighty is breaking her heart.

She has been out of the hospital only twice in 60 years, and each time for only a few hours. How in the world, she asks, can she endure the listless, moping life of an old woman in a Paris flat?

WE were under the impression that, in these days of asepticism, pictures, which are dust-catchers, had been banished from hospital walls; but from the report of the sad death of a patient at the Cancer Hospital, Fulham Road, it is evidently not so. Emma Walker was in a dying condition in the Cancer Hospital, when a picture fell from the wall and struck her in the side. When she died a few days later the doctor certified that death was due to cancer. The friends consented to a post-mortem examination, and it was then found that the falling picture had ruptured her kidney, and this had accelerated her death. At the inquest held by Mr. Luxmoore Drew the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

A MATTER of importance to Nursing Superintendents under the Poor Law, and therefore to the nursing profession generally, has arisen at the East Preston Union, which is situated in the Rip Van Winkle district of West Sussex. Some twelve months or more ago the Guardians were compelled, under pressure from the Local Government Board, to appoint a Superintendent Nurse, and this after a report from their Inspector to the effect that the nursing was altogether out of date. The Board appointed Miss Margaret F. Rogers (M.R.B.N.A.), whose qualifications were such as to secure the sanction and approval of the Local Government Board to her appointment.

EVER since her appointment Miss Rogers has striven to improve the nursing, as well as the general management of the Infirmary. In this laudable effort she has been thwarted by the Board and its Nursing Committee, one member of which was frank enough to tell her that he had done all he could to prevent the appointment of a Superintendent Nurse, and that they did not want one. The only object of the Board has seemed to be how not to do it, and some members have tried to browbeat the Superintendent on every occasion she has asked for increased help in way of appliances, clothing, or nurses. It must, however, be admitted a very small minority of the Guardians have supported the improvement, notably amongst these may be mentioned Mr. George Cortis, one of the Worthing representatives on the Board. The Superintendent has also been seriously hampered in her work of reform by the Master and Matron, who evidently cannot rise to the new order of

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