

**Nursing Echoes.**

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THE voting papers received in relation to the State Registration of Nurses, continue to prove a widespread desire upon the part of efficiently trained nurses for legislative reform, and we have, during the past fortnight, received *a hundred and three* papers signed in the affirmative, and *one* in the

negative. We must, however, count this number as *one* week's replies, as, owing to a heavy call on our advertising space in last week's Christmas Number, the Voting Paper on page vi. was crowded out. Those of our readers who have not yet availed themselves of this opportunity of recording their vote for or against State Registration for Trained Nurses, will find the slip amongst advertisements on page iv. of this slip amongst advertisements on page vi. of this issue. At present the voting stands at *eighty-six* to *one* for Registration, which we consider a very handsome majority on the right side.

Mr. Sydney Holland, Chairman of the London Hospital, appeals from East to West for visitors for the unvisited at the London Hospital. He gives the general experience of those connected with these great institutions when he remarks on the difficulty of inducing those who have leisure to go and talk to the patients as far away as Whitechapel. If they cannot talk, he urges that they can listen sympathetically, and if they are good at neither they can bring a book of short stories and read to the patients. Mr. Holland would welcome anyone who would help the patients in this way at the London Hospital. Visitors, he points out, run no risk of infection, because infectious illnesses are not nursed at the London Hospital.

THIS suggestion of hospital visitors is one which, of course, must be organized if it is to result in the comfort of all concerned. Why does not Mr. Holland arrange a Visiting Committee—placing on it some really sensible, sympathetic women. The wards could then be parcelled out, suitable visitors given a definite charge, the hours for visits definitely stated, so that there would be no clashing with the medical and nursing duties.

Even when we were a Sister at the London twenty years ago, we greatly appreciated the visits of a certain Miss Neville, who was guide, counsellor and friend to every Roman Catholic patient admitted into "Charlotte."

WE are glad to notice that all the discredit for the feud between the lay and medical elements at the National Hospital, Queen Square, is not to be shuffled off on to the nursing and domestic department. The inquiry referred to Sir Ford North, has been adjourned *sine die*, as the medical staff refused to appear; and in order to meet their objections he advised the Board to agree to any adjournment which might be necessary to enable the medical staff to present their case, and also to such an enlargement of the scope of the inquiry as would include every matter of fact in controversy between the medical staff and the Board, including the position, function, and acts of the Secretary-Director. The inquiry, so enlarged, should be made with the assistance, if thought expedient, of two assessors, one nominated by the Board and the other by the medical staff. It is proposed that both sides shall be represented by Counsel; but before expensive litigation is plunged into, might one enquire who is going to pay the costs. Surely not the inoffensive subscribers?

WE have received a copy of the current issue of *Nosokomos*, the new monthly journal of the Dutch Association for furthering the interests of male and female nurses. It is very satisfactory that nurses in different countries are feeling the need for professional journals, in which they can discuss their own affairs. In the present inchoate condition of nursing, nothing could be more useful or more desirable than the multiplication of nursing journals, and we welcome the arrival of this latest. It is of convenient size, well got up, and well edited, so that it should have a successful future.

THERE was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen in Musselburgh Council Chamber on a recent occasion, when Nurse Murray, who has been appointed Matron of Lochgilphead Asylum, was presented with a purse of 31 sovereigns and gold pendant bearing the coat of arms, as a mark of appreciation for her services during the five years she acted as nurse under the Musselburgh Nursing Association. Nurse Murray was also presented by the ladies of the Executive of the Association with a valuable carriage clock, besides being the recipient of a number of other handsome presents from private friends. Among those present were Provost Whitelaw, Councillor

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