

Nursing Echoes.

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NEXT week we propose to insert the valuable Paper on "The Reasons for the State Registration of Trained Nurses," read by Dr. Toogood before the Matrons' Council Conference, to be followed in the ensuing issues by Miss Poole's and Mrs. Crawford's Papers on the same important question.

WE are constantly being asked by Matrons and nurses, "How can we help on this much needed reform?" We would venture to suggest that all readers of this journal who are genuinely interested in this matter, should send a copy of the NURSING RECORD containing these three Papers, marked and the page down-turned, to the home address of the Member of Parliament for their district. A short letter might also be sent at the same time to these gentlemen, drawing their attention to the importance of State Registration for Trained Nurses, for the protection of the sick, and of trained nurses, from incompetent and immoral attendants. The Editor will feel she can enjoy a much-needed holiday, if all her kind readers will each take the trouble to carry out this suggestion, as it is only by united effort that we can hope to educate and interest our legislators and the public on the national importance of the question.

A VERY able paper appeared recently in the Leeds Mercury, entitled "For Cap and Apron," by Mr. George Frost. Here is a gentleman who knows his nursing question. We regret that space prevents us quoting widely from his opinions this week. But he says, "Surely to maintain a high standard for character and efficiency, to establish a definite general curriculum and a National Register for Nurses, would be to help the doctor, to benefit the patient, and to safeguard the public."

How deep an interest the present General Council of the R.B.N.A. must take in the affairs of the Association! At the recent meeting, the whole business was disposed of in less than ten minutes. Notice of meeting and minutes having been disposed of, the members proceeded

to ratify the arrangements made for them by the Hon. Officers, including their own re-election.

MR. WILKINSON, the General Manager of the Great Western Railway, has written to Miss Herschel, Hon. Secretary to the Slough Nursing Institution, stating that the Directors of the Company have decided to give a donation of ten guineas to the Institution in recognition of the very valuable assistance rendered by its two trained nurses to the injured after the recent terrible disaster at Slough.

OUR few remarks on the necessity for pure air, in the open-air treatment of phthisical patients, has aroused a good deal of interest amongst our readers. One Matron from Devonshire writes:—"I am much interested, and a great believer in the open-air treatment (for most things), and when taking a trip on the Estuary, have wondered why there are no hospital ships in some of these lovely, sheltered creeks, providing both the open-air treatment so often beneficial, but too often not carried out, because of want of facilities. Do you think there is any chance of such a plan as you suggest being carried out?"

A FELLOW feeling makes us wondrous kind, and those who have suffered make the best and most sympathetic nurses of the sick; and thus, although we have now a spell of summer, Londoners do not forget the long, black, hideous winter, passed away. In January last we went to a South coast watering place to pick up after a sharp attack of illness, and, to make the best of our time, spent the sunny hours of the day well out at sea in a nook on the pier, in the full blaze of the sun and well sheltered from the wind.

THE result was marvellous—health and strength returned like magic, and it then occurred to us that, if only marine hospitals could be built on piles—like piers—and acute and convalescent hospital ships, could be constructed, in which special diseases could be treated, what a boon to suffering humanity they would be. Fancy the delight of our poor metropolitan consumptive patients, housed high up on a Marine Pier Hospital, surrounded by all the aids to recovery that modern science could devise—doctors, nurses, pleasure boats! We should just enjoy helping to design such an Ozone Palace. All that is required is a kindly millionaire to come along.

THE district nurses of Warrington have got a most comfortable new Home at 21, Arpley Street, which consists of two houses arranged with every comfort and convenience for the nurses' life and

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