

## Nursing Echoes.

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a fresh spell of hard work.

With the advent of the 1st of October the Medical and Nursing Schools are settling down to the winter's session of work. Holidays are now over, and, with the return of the visiting medical staffs, the wards of our hospitals are becoming full and busy. In the nursing schools lectures are once more in full swing, and everyone is looking forward to

The first visit paid by the Earl of Dudley, as Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, was to the Meath Hospital, which his Excellency, accompanied by Lady Dudley, inspected, being conducted through the institution by the hospital staff. At the close of his visit the Lord-Lieutenant wrote in the visitors' book, "My first visit to an institution in Dublin, and am delighted with it." This is a good augury for the interest of the King's representative in Ireland in institutions concerned with the care of the sick.

The Matron of a fever hospital asks us why the public, and especially the nursing world, should consider nurses suitable for fever work who are not up to the standard required in a general hospital. These same people, she says, tell one in the same breath that a case of enteric fever cannot possibly recover unless the patient receives the best nursing and attention. Only recently, on applying to a Matron for a nurse's reference, the reply received was that the nurse in question had no grave fault, and would probably do for a fever hospital. We are entirely in agreement with our correspondent in thinking that no class of patients need more careful and skilful nursing than those suffering from infectious diseases. Women who have been discarded as unsuitable by general hospitals should not be able to find employment in fever hospitals.

The Parish Infirmary at Portsmouth is favoured by having a supply of flowers most of the year round forwarded by "Uncle Taff" from the members of the "League of Love," which League also supplies toys at Christmas to many institutions, besides the infirmary. The Chairman of the Infirmary Committee and the Medical Superinten-

dent, Dr. Charles Knott, recently entertained the members of the League, and of its kind the meeting was unique. In the first place, it was the first of the sort, though the community has been working for nine years, and in the next the members had not before had an opportunity of seeing one another and meeting "Uncle Taff"; then, also, they had never seen the infirmary.

The company, numbering about eighty, mostly quite young girls, with a few outside friends invited to meet them, gathered on the lawn by the Nurses' Home; after a few introductions they were allowed to see a ward or two; then they had tea on the grass, and after that a few games; two or three speeches then brought the meeting to a close and the company dispersed. The members went away more eager to follow up their work, and to bring, wherever possible, a little brightness into the lives of the sick and suffering. All in the infirmary, both patients and staff, wish the League every prosperity in its good work.

Evidence was given in the recent case of a woman who was charged with obtaining articles to the value of over £30 from Messrs. Swan and Edgar that the accused was not responsible for her actions. She was not of sound mind, and had escaped from her nurses. What were the nurses about that their patient should thus escape them?

An action was recently tried at the Barnstaple County Court, in which Miss Grace Miller, a trained nurse, of Salisbury, claimed for wrongful dismissal. It seems that while in charge of a patient the plaintiff lost her purse, and as it could not be found she applied to a constable for advice, ultimately finding it in her own drawer. She was thereupon summarily discharged, and the judge held that this act could not be justified, and gave judgment for the plaintiff, observing that it was a gross case, and had it been in his power he would have awarded damages.

The Lady Superintendent of the Drumcondra Hospital, Dublin, writes to the Press warning nurses that it has come to her knowledge that nurses who have answered an advertisement which appeared in the Dublin papers on three different occasions, and from three different hotels in the city, have been grossly insulted. The advertisement ran:—"Wanted, a female nurse for a rheumatic patient; one with a knowledge of massage preferred; liberal terms will be given. Apply — Hotel, Dublin."

It has come to our knowledge on several occasions that nurses who have answered advertisements for masseuses have been insulted by would-be employers, and we would impress upon nurses the

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