

## NURSING ECHOES.

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THE St. George's (Hanover Square) Board of Guardians seems to have considerable difficulty in securing Nurses for the Infirmary. Even advertising does not appear to attract any applicants; but no one surely but a Board of Guardians would advertise, as this Board has done, in the *Daily Chronicle*, the *Daily Telegraph*, *Lloyd's Weekly Newspaper*, the *Sussex Chronicle*, and the *Hampshire Chronicle*, for Nurses. People who know anything at all about economically spending other folks'—particularly ratepayers'—money would advertise in journals which Nurses are likely to read; for I will undertake to say that if the Board will insert their requirements half-a-dozen consecutive times in the *Nursing Record*, they will obtain at least thirty responses—that is, of course, if a suitable and reasonable salary is only offered for the trying duties expected to be performed by the Nurses engaged.

I REMEMBER a Board of Guardians in the country some little while back, which, rather than raise the salary from a paltry £14 a year to £18 or £20, spent no less a sum than £27 15s. in local advertising, and for about six months the Infirmary was left entirely without anyone of nursing experience in it. To these gentlemen I would suggest—offer a fair remuneration and decent treatment, and I will be bound to say that every vacancy could easily be filled.

I WOULD like to impress upon my readers the fact, that on the 14th of this month another election will take place for annuitants on the funds of the British Home for Incurables; and Mrs. Duyck, who is a candidate—as those who peruse the columns of this journal are already aware—would be very grateful indeed for further votes.

THERE was a pretty squabble at the Dover Union Infirmary a few weeks ago, which seemed to indicate still more work for energetic Miss Twining.

It appears that Miss Johnson, the Nurse, found that, in some mysterious way or other, the medical comforts ordered for the patients under her charge were delivered "short," and very properly reported the fact. Friction arose, and the consequence was that Miss Johnson tendered her resignation, which was accepted. This gave

rise to some considerable discussion at the meetings of the Board and no little correspondence in the local papers, as Miss Johnson's position and case was championed by the Rev. G. Sarson, of Holy Trinity, who obtained a large number of signatures from the ratepayers to a petition, asking that Miss Johnson be reinstated, but all to no avail, and the peculiar condition of the case stands thus: Miss Johnson made a discovery, which the Board could not but admit was to their interest to know; but instead of reaping the benefit of her sagacity, the poor Nurse seems to have had quite a rough time of it, and, as we have said, resigned. The Board lose a capital Nurse, and are no nearer discovering the cause of the deficit of the comforts than they were at first, and in displaying a considerable want of tact—as these Boards sometimes do—has got the whole thing talked all over the town.

I AM pleased to note that Mrs. Ernest Day, the wife of the Mayor of Worcester, read a lengthy, highly interesting, and greatly appreciated paper, on Thursday last, at the Sanitary Congress, taking for her subject, "Woman as a Helpmate in Sanitary Reform." I thought it was almost understood that woman, as a rule, was rather a *leader* than a helpmate in this important work, if by it we include Domestic Hygiene.

ANYONE who may at any time experience difficulty in obtaining the *Nursing Record* through the ordinary run of newsagents should order it through Smith's bookstalls, to be delivered regularly, and *insist* upon having it.

I REFERRED lately to the sad death of Miss Hughes at Cairo. The Egyptian correspondent of the *British Medical Journal* sends last week a sympathetic notice of the fact, and adds words of which many of her friend's will be glad to know: "Hardly a year in Egypt, she had contributed largely to the improvement of the Hospital where her loss will leave a blank not easily to be filled. It is a sad comment on the sanitary condition of the country, that of the two ladies who came to form the nucleus of a Nursing Institution some fourteen months ago, one should have been permanently invalided, and the other should have died, from preventable disease."

In the same issue of our contemporary is a letter which is, in many ways, instructive. A Doctor was called in to see a woman who had been a Hospital Nurse, and found her unconscious and her whole body convulsed, the pupils greatly dilated, and the eyes fixed with a peculiar stare. These symptoms have been before noted in cases

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