

Assistant Matron at the Infirmary of the Kensington and Chelsea District Schools for seven hundred children, and a staff of sixty officers. The Managers of these schools highly value her faithful services, and the officers, who much regret that she is leaving them, have subscribed for and presented to her a handsome dining-room time-piece, as a token of their harmonious relations and kindly regard."

CANNOT impress upon my readers too highly the great advantages of making their general wants known through the advertisement columns of the *Nursing Record*, particularly as Dr. Illingworth (an extract from whose letter, Mr. Editor tells me, will appear in this issue) has so practically confirmed their utility. That advertisers have full faith in the journal is evidenced by the manner in which the larger and more responsible advertisements have appeared in every issue since the commencement, and are likely to continue uninterruptedly.

THE invention which Dr. Illingworth alludes to is the "New Rocking Boat" (a notice of which appeared on the 5th of last month), an admirable contrivance, which only requires to be known to be appreciated. They have one at the Barnes Convalescent Hospital, Cheadle, Manchester, and the Matron thus writes concerning it:—"The boat continues to please and amuse our little ones for hours daily, and all our visitors greatly admire it."

I PARTICULARLY wish to draw my readers' attention to the announcement of the Fifteenth Prize Essay Competition, which appears among the notices in this issue of the *Record*, and which is of a decidedly novel character. A book of the value of one guinea is offered for "the best and most graphic story suitable for Christmas time, to be based upon actual facts, or to contain records of personal experience, in connection with Nursing or Hospital work."

Now, here is a grand opportunity for those who may have met with incidents about Christmas time which can be worked up into a smart and attractive story, and I expect the Prize Essay Editor will have quite a list of MSS. to peruse and decide upon by the fourteenth of December.

I HEAR that Miss Rachel Tweed has been appointed "Night Sister" at the National Hospital, Queen Square. Miss Tweed received her training and certificate from the Lincoln County Hospital (which my readers are aware is under the superintendence of Miss C. M. Beachcroft),

and was very popular at that Institution, being universally liked by all with whom she was brought in contact. I congratulate Miss Tweed on her entering another sphere of work, which augurs well for a bright future in the Nursing world.

I AM very sorry to learn that Mrs. M. Gregory has resigned the post of Matron to the Sunderland Nursing Institute, in which she had worked so energetically and satisfactorily for the past nearly twelve months. Mrs. Gregory has recently become a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and some members of the Committee were of opinion that it would be detrimental to the work of the Institute if a Roman Catholic were at the head of it, hence the resignation, which, as I say, I am sorry to learn, as also were the Committee, who expressed their opinion of Mrs. Gregory's abilities in the following testimonial.

"THE Committee of the Sunderland Nursing Institute have pleasure in bearing testimony to the zeal and ability with which Mrs. Gregory discharged the duties of Matron during the nine months ending September 28, 1889. Mrs. Gregory displayed business capacity of a high order, and was most attentive to the interests of the Institute and to the comfort and happiness of the Nurses under her charge.—Signed, on behalf the Committee, G. B. MORGAN, Chairman. October 4, 1889."

AND this reminds me that only recently Sister Henrietta Madden, sister of the Irish solicitor-general, has also been converted to the Church of Rome, having resigned her sisterhood of the Nurses to whom the care of the Protestant sick poor in the North Dublin Union Workhouse was entrusted. The news of Sister Henrietta's resignation was received with profound regret by all who knew her.

I NOTICE that the ubiquitous individual, "A Hospital Superintendent," has been at it again on the subject of the "Registration of Trained Nurses." This time he has managed somehow or other to get his stereotyped, threadbare arguments—if a long string of utter misconceptions can possibly be termed arguments—into the columns of our excellent contemporary, the *Queen*. The worthy editor of that equally worthy journal apparently has overlooked the fact that the letter in question is the *fac-simile* of the one which has been sent out broadcast, answered over and over again, every point met, and in many instances receiving a sound and trenchant basting from the editorial pen.

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