

I AM told that Miss Eames was placed first at the recent final examination of Probationers at St. Bartholomew's, and has, therefore, been awarded the gold medal; and that Miss Clark and Miss Fox were bracketed together as equal for the second place in the pass list; also that Miss Kingsford came out first, and gained the prize of books, in the First Year's Probationers' Examination.

I HEAR that Miss Benning has been appointed Nurse Matron of the Borough of Tynemouth Infirmary and Benevolent Society. Miss Benning was trained at the London Hospital, and since gaining her Certificate has been working as Staff Nurse in the same Institution. She will take with her the good wishes of many friends, and I hope will be very happy in the beautiful Northumbrian town she is going to.

ONLY a few weeks ago it was my painful duty to have to chronicle the death of a Nurse consequent upon the dangerous duties she had to perform, and now I have again to state that on the 9th instant, deeply regretted, died Alice Guite, daughter of Mr. James Guite, of Pass House, Pittsmoor, Sheffield, and Nurse at St. George's Home, Sheffield, aged twenty-seven years. She died of typhoid fever, contracted during her attendance on a patient, whom she nursed with such unflinching care and devotion that she was in a great measure the means of saving her life. She was buried at Burngreave Cemetery on the 12th instant, several of her fellow Nurses, in uniform, following her to the grave. The coffin was covered with wreaths sent by the Superintendent and Nurses from St. George's Home, Miss Loss Corvan, Mr. and Mrs. Mountain, and other friends.

I AM informed by Mr. Editor that Miss Annie Foster, of the Victoria Hospital, Burnley, has chosen for her prize, won by her contribution recently appearing in the *Nursing Record*, a new issue of the well known work, "Lorna Doone," which is charmingly got up; whilst Miss Helen Bennett, who I regret to learn is confined to her bed at the Eastern Hospital, but whom I trust will soon recover and engage in other competitions, has chosen as "the Consolation Prize" for her essay, which will shortly appear, "Jules Gouffé's Royal Cookery Book," both of which will be duly forwarded to these fortunate young ladies, with the usual certificates accompanying them.

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EVEN from the body's purity the mind receives a secret sympathetic aid.—*Thompson.*

OUR INSTITUTIONS: A RECORD OF THEIR OBJECTS AND WORK.

THE HAMILTON ASSOCIATION FOR PROVIDING TRAINED MALE NURSES.

THIS Institution was founded in 1885 by voluntary subscriptions and donations, and is, we believe, the only one of its kind in the United Kingdom. It is somewhat remarkable, considering its nature and objects, that it should have been founded by a lady; but such is the fact. It is to the munificence of Miss Jane Hamilton, a sister-in-law of the late eminent Physician, Dr. Archibald Billing, F.R.S., that the Association owes its origin, and it is appropriately named after the founder. Although now considerably advanced in years, Miss Hamilton has been able to do much in various ways to promote the success of the Association, and it is to her personal exertions, not less than to her pecuniary contributions, that its present position is in no small measure due. The chief objects of the Association are—(1) To systematically train men as Nurses in Hospitals and other institutions; and (2) to form a corps of reliable trained Male Nurses (whether trained under the auspices of the Association or otherwise), whose services may be available to the public on reasonable terms. In both these directions work has already been done. In the work of training men as Nurses the results as yet achieved are not very considerable. This, however, has not been due to any reluctance on the part of the Committee of the Association either to press forward in this branch of the work, or to devote funds to its advancement, but rather to the difficulty experienced in making arrangements with Hospitals to receive men for training. Such difficulties should not prove insurmountable, and it is to be hoped that in time the Association may be successful in establishing one or more Training Schools for Male Nurses on as adequate a scale as has been done in New York. It is satisfactory to note that the following statement appears very prominently in the published rules:—"No attempt at interference with the beneficent ministrations of women is contemplated, but Hospital Surgeons and others know too well that, in many cases, females ought to be spared from painful scenes and duties for which they are unfitted on account of decorum or of inferior physical strength." There need, therefore, be no rivalry between male and female Nurses, and the former will, of course, confine their ministrations to their own sex. That there is no inconsiderable demand for Male Nurses may be judged from the fact that nearly fifty trained Male Nurses are at present on the roll of the

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