

tion of the training given to the Nurses of this Hospital, under the excellent management of Miss Beachcroft, being of the very highest, doubtless the vacancies will be speedily filled.

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DR. BRIDGES, the well-known Inspector of the Local Government Board, has lately sent in a memorandum to the Metropolitan Asylums Board relating the qualifications which appear to him essential for the efficient nursing of Fever Hospitals. His main points are these:—(1.) A Trained Nursing Staff should be placed within the Wards of the Hospital, and when off duty, under the superintendence of a highly qualified officer of their own sex. (2.) Their subordination to such an officer need not, and in practice does not, in any way interfere with their implicit obedience to the directions of the Medical Staff in the treatment of the patients. (3.) Subordination to a Matron is never willingly conceded by a Nursing Staff, unless the Matron herself possesses the skill and experience of a Nurse. When this is not the case, the Nurses may, no doubt, comply with such orders as she may give for their behaviour when off duty; but she will not have that moral ascendancy over them which is so essential to the training and discipline of a well-ordered Staff.

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THESE remarks remind one strongly of exactly the same principles which were laid down by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick in her often quoted paper on the "Matron" which appears, I see—amongst the other papers which were read last session—in the Annual Report of the B.N.A. Everyone in the profession recognises the importance of improving the class of Nurses engaged in Fever Hospitals and Poor Law Infirmaries. And I feel sure both Mrs. Fenwick and Dr. Bridges have struck the keynote of the question. The present system is self-condemned, and must sooner or later give place to that which has worked so successfully in our general and special Hospitals—a woman at the head of a female staff.

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MISS CARVOSSA, whose appointment to the Matronship of Salisbury Infirmary I "gazetted" in last week's issue, received her training at St. George's Hospital. After three years' experience there, Miss Carvossa was appointed Sister, holding that post, and most ably fulfilling the duties, for about twelve months, leaving in order to take up the appointment mentioned. Miss Carvossa leaves behind her many friends among those with whom she worked, and her departure is regretted by all she came in contact with.

THE Coleraine Board of Guardians recently held a meeting, when a balance in favour of the Union was reported of £303 17s. 11d. This probably accounts for the said Board's liberality in electing a properly-qualified (save the mark) Assistant-Nurse for the Workhouse Infirmary, at the munificent remuneration of £15 per annum; which, when carefully worked out, shows exactly *ninepence three-farthings a day*. I should imagine that this esteemed body—of which I note Sir H. Henry Bruce, Baronet, is the chairman and who presided on the occasion of the appointment alluded to—probably agree with the sentiments expressed by a negress of much experience in Nursing, who summed up her duties in this wise: "It ain't much trouble to look after sick pussens; most on 'em don' want nothink, an' if they do they don' get it."

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I HEAR that it is proposed to provide Trained Nurses for the sick poor of the town of Warwick, which, judging from its historical importance and its size, ought to have had a Nursing society long ago. I wish the movement every possible success, and am glad that Aldermen Fosbery and Tibbets have taken the matter up, for this will be a guarantee that arrangements will be carried out properly.

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THE *Melbourne Leader* has been sent to me, containing a most charming article, entitled, "A Morning with a District Nurse," by "Iris," which I sincerely hope will be reprinted in pamphlet form, and a few copies sent to some of the members of the Nursing world in the old country.

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I HAVE received the first annual report of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institution for Nurses, Scottish Branch, which is full of instructive reading as regards work done and work about to be done. Three hundred and twenty-one cases, ranging from dislocations to diphtheria, have been attended to. The total receipts were £2,360 15s. 9d., and the expenditure, £671 14s. 0d.; which leaves an appreciated surplus of no less a sum than £1,689 1s. 9d. Miss Guthrie Wright and Miss Peters must both feel proud of the "Institute," as indeed everybody concerned ought to be.

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I LEARN that Miss Bessie Hyde—who has been appointed Matron of Dr. Walter's Private Hospital for Women, John Street, Manchester—was trained as a lady pupil at the London Temperance Hospital, where she remained as Sister of the Female Surgical Ward nearly four years. Subsequently Miss Hyde obtained her certificate from the City of London Lying-in Hospital, spending

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