

Nursing Echoes.

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The second issue of the "Nursing Guide," the Handbook of the Guy's Hospital Nurses' League, has just been published, and is an interesting volume. The first section, as in the first issue in 1902, which was reviewed at some length in these columns, is a Nursing Guide which affords information to those who desire to enter the nursing profession, as well as useful instructions to nurses, as, for instance, to those engaged in attendance upon infectious cases, information as to urine testing, poisons and their antidotes, an obstetrical table, instructions for feeding an infant, and so forth.

The second part comprises the Handbook of the League, and contains the Rules of the League, the appointments and promotions of members since the last issue, the names of members of the staff who have passed the examinations of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses and the London Obstetrical Society, the Honours gained by Guy's nurses, and the recent deaths of past and present members of the staff—two in the mission field and three in the hospital. Amongst other items is an account of the initiation of the first course of Post-Graduate Lectures. The six lectures which were given last October and November proved a great success. They were printed in pamphlet form and sent out to each subscriber.

The third section is the Register of Nurses trained at Guy's Hospital, with their qualifications, a most useful and interesting section of the book to all Guy's nurses. By its means they can still keep in touch with old friends and colleagues, who, in former years, failing such information, were frequently lost sight of. Moreover, it is surely only a step from appreciating the value of such a Register to a particular school, to understanding the value of one the usefulness of which is extended to all certificated nurses.

Many St. Bartholomew's nurses who during their residence there learnt to love the grand old Norman church of St. Bartholomew the Great, the most ancient and beautiful of all the City churches, will learn with pleasure that a strenuous effort is being made to complete its restoration. The rever-

sion to the freehold of the old cloisters, now used as stables, has already been purchased, and funds are being raised to buy out the rights of the present leaseholder. Captain Phillips, the patron of the benefice, has promised to restore the Sanctuary floor, in memory of his father, Canon Phillips, and the friends of the late Mr. Joseph Grimshire are erecting a tablet to his memory in the west porch, on which will be inscribed the names of the former Priors and Rectors.

The Croydon Guardians are discovering from practical experience what they have not been able otherwise to understand, that nurses who hold certificates unsigned by the Matron of their training-school are at a disadvantage when applying for nursing posts. A letter from the father of a nurse, who found that she would be unable to obtain a position in the Military Nursing Service with the certificate granted to her, was recently considered, and the Infirmary Committee recommend that the regulation "That officers of the Board shall not give testimonials to their subordinate staff" shall not operate in the case of the Matron of the Infirmary, who shall be authorised to sign a supplemental certificate for nurses, if she desires to do so, stating that the nurse has served her three years to her satisfaction." A nurse's certificate to be of value should, as we have before pointed out, bear the Matron's signature upon it. Perhaps the Croydon Guardians will learn this in time.

The picture which we print on the opposite page is of a Nursing Home in a town on the north-west coast which is at present for disposal. As the opening is one of which some of our readers may be glad to know, we have pleasure in drawing attention to it. Further particulars will be found in our advertisement columns, and all information may be obtained from the Lady Superintendent of the Home, addressed in accordance with the terms of the advertisement. The house will accommodate six or seven resident patients, as well as sixteen nurses. The work, we are told, is good and interesting, and might suit two sisters or friends anxious to engage in such an undertaking.

Speaking of the trials of the private nurse, the *Catholic Nurses' Magazine* says:—"Who in a household is so much *the servant* as a nurse? Not for her are those fixed hours in which she may claim her rest, such rest or recreation as the lowest drudge may demand; at any hour of the day or night she may be summoned, tired, weary, overworked though she be, to answer a frivolous question, or to struggle with the most appalling emergency, unaided often because the very nature of the case requires exceptional skill, and grateful if not impeded by the doubtful help volunteered by others. And all this is done without inspiration,

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