

Nursing Echoes.

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We wonder what Honourable Members of the House of Commons will have to say to the adoption of the letters M.P. after their names by asylum attendants and nurses who have passed the examination of the Medico Psychological Association. Up to the present the letters have been restricted to some 670 Members of Parliament, but if they are also to be used henceforth by asylum attendants we shall soon have M.P.s by the thousand. We would suggest "Cert. M.P.A." as a preferable description for adoption by the latter.

It is not invariable for Matrons and Secretaries to be on terms of cordial friendship, and it is with pleasure we note that the late Mr. W. L. Saunder, General Superintendent and Secretary at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, has left a legacy of £500 to Miss Florence M. Calvert, Lady Superintendent of the Infirmary, and £500 to Miss Ellen Stephens, a Sister in the same institution, "in consideration of her kindnesses, skill and attention in many illnesses."

The Board of the Leicester Infirmary in recognition of the generous contribution of two hundred guineas to its Extension Fund by the members of the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League have invited the League to nominate one of their number for election as a Life Governor of the Institution, and voting papers, with three names chosen by the Council were sent out to all members. By a large majority the President, Miss G. A. Rogers was elected by the League, and at a meeting of the Board of Governors was unanimously elected a Life Governor of the Infirmary.

We congratulate the League on this recognition of its gift and upon its choice of a representative. We also congratulate the Board of the Infirmary. At some hospitals officials are not eligible for election in

this capacity, and had such a rule been in force at Leicester the institution would have lost the services of a most valuable Governor.

The *Journal* of the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League contains an admirable portrait of Miss Rogers, and records it profound thankfulness at her recovery, after a time of unspeakable anxiety, from a serious illness. The nursing world in general will combine with the League in its congratulations, for there is no one whose work and personality commands greater respect amongst her colleagues than does that of Miss Rogers.

The nursing staff at the Throne Hospital, Belfast, came out well on Saturday last, when an alarming fire occurred in the building. The Throne Hospital is used as a convalescent home, and children's department in connection with the Royal Victoria Hospital. When the fire broke out in the children's wing there were over 50 patients in the building, most of them children recovering from severe illnesses. The flames spread with most alarming rapidity, and the first thought of the nurses was for their charges. While others endeavoured to cope with the fire they quickly carried the little patients out of the burning building to the grounds outside. The patients in the upper storey were in the greatest danger, as the fire was raging in the top part of the building, but doctors, nurses and others worked bravely, and in time all the patients were in safety. After an hour's steady work the Fire Brigade succeeded in getting under the fire, which at one time threatened to demolish the whole building. A local contemporary says: A word of praise is due to Miss Moore, the acting lady superintendent in the absence of Miss Mildred, and the nurses under her charge for the admirable manner in which they acquitted themselves during an exceedingly anxious time and for the care they bestowed upon the children, none of whom, it is gratifying to state, are any the worse for the excitement they passed through.

At the Salpêtrière in Paris the course of training for nurses has now been raised from one to two years. During the first year pupils may live at home, but during the second residence in the Institution will be obligatory. At the end of the first and of the second years the pupils will have to go in for an examination. First year candidates who do not pass a satisfactory examination will be required either to leave the school or to begin the year's course of training again.

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