

Institution, realised no less a handsome sum than something over £1,200. This Institution has a peculiarly gratifying report of eight years' useful work, and it is so exemplarily managed, that a very little extra help from the wealthy inhabitants of the district would make the Hospital self-supporting, as all such places very properly should be.

By almost a coincidence, the eighth year of working is reported on almost the same day of the Bristol District Nurses' Society. Miss Errington, the hon. sec., read the summary of the past year's work, but I regret to notice a balance on the wrong side of £75 5s. 10d., which the people of Bristol city should take care is written off at once by increased donations and subscriptions.

A SERMON will be preached on Sunday afternoon next at four o'clock, by the Rev. E. C. Hawkins, Vicar of St. Brides, Fleet Street, and an offertory taken, on behalf of the East London Nursing Society, 49, Philpot Street, Commercial Road, London, E., whose Secretary, Mr. Arthur W. Lacey, will be most happy to take charge of any contributions sent to him for the Society.

I AM glad to be able to announce that Mrs. Ellen M. Mathias has been elected to the office of Lady Superintendent of Nursing of the Bath United Hospital (out of twenty-six candidates). Mrs. Mathias was trained at St. Bartholomew's, obtaining a First Class Certificate; had two and a-half years at Shrewsbury Royal Infirmary, as Sister in Charge of sixty-five beds; two years as Matron, Clifton College Hospital Sanatorium; and at present is Night Superintendent, Bristol Royal Infirmary, being most highly recommended from each post. I am also particularly pleased to note that this lady is a Member of the British Nurses' Association.

I AM informed, and I gratefully receive such information, than an important and much-needed movement has just been inaugurated in Birkenhead. It is proposed to establish a Nurses' Home in connection with the Birkenhead Borough Hospital, the necessity for which no one can reasonably deny; and it is cheering to know that there is not much doubt about the money being raised very soon to furnish and start the same. All I venture to suggest to the founders is, whatever you do (even if you have to be content to commence with a more limited establishment) start without liability, and do not fetter the work or yourselves with the curse of indebtedness. I wish the work my most cordial success.

I REGRET to have to announce another death in the army of Nursing workers—Nurse Emily Rundle (aged twenty-seven), who died last month of consumption, at Firs Home, Bournemouth. She was an excellent Nurse, much respected and esteemed, and her comrades speak most highly and regretfully of her.

IN reference to some remarks which I made in these columns on the 9th January last, I have received the following:—

“Monmouth Park,

“Omaha, Neb, U.S.A.

“Dear Sir,—With pleasure I received to-day a copy of your valuable *Record* of Jan. 9th, 1890, in which appears, on page 13, a deaconess in our Institution here, and on page 20 an Editorial about the same. I was very much pleased with all except the astonishing announcement that our Institution is a ‘Roman Catholic body!’ I cannot perceive how you could have got that idea. The fact is, I am a Lutheran, and the Institution is thoroughly ‘Samaritan and Evangelical,’ but entirely unsectarian! If you send me a copy of the *Record* regularly I will be much obliged.—Very respectfully yours,  
E. A.”

To which I can only say, that, upon re-perusal of the report of the Institution referred to, I am still of the same opinion, as the report is so vaguely worded; but my reverend correspondent says in effect I am wrong, and I accept his assurance, particularly as being in charge of the place he ought to know; but he certainly should get someone to “edit” the reports before any more are sent out.

I RECEIVE a large number of local newspapers from time to time, and such to me are most acceptable for the purpose of gleanings “news,” but will my many kind Nursing friends duly note, that when they forward such papers to me, that they please only mark the portion of the paper to which attention is wished to be drawn, by a cross or some other similar simple sign, and not write down the margin of the paper. I have a personal and decided objection to be surcharged fourpence half-penny for a newspaper which was sent (in the ordinary half-penny wrapper) quite recently, because a well-meaning correspondent chose to give her version of the matter chronicled in the paper on its margin, and as a result I have instructed the publishers' officials not to take any papers or letters from the postman when a charge is made either for under postage, or breaches of post office regulations. S. G.

THE truly great and good, in affliction, bear a countenance more princely than they are wont; for it is the temper of the highest hearts, like the palm tree, to strive most upwards when it is most burdened.

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