

Nursing Echoes.



We have this week omitted many of our usual features in order to give space to the two great events in the nursing world last week—the Deputation to the Prime Minister in support of State Registration, and the Jubilee Congress of District Nursing at Liverpool.

On Saturday evening last when the Lord Mayor stood in front of the Mansion House, waiting to receive the salute of the 9,000 officers and men of the City Territorials who filed past in gallant array, with their horses, guns, and wagons, the balcony of the Mansion House was crowded with nurses, members of the Territorial Nursing Service, who were there on the kind invitation of the Lady Mayoress. They formed a picturesque background for the Lord Mayor, who was wearing his civic robes of office, while over the Mansion House, below the Union Jack, floated the flag of the C.I.V.

The Matron and nursing staff of the Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N., are organising a sale of work for June 11th and 12th, with a view to lessening in some small degree the overwhelming debt of £5,000 that weighs so heavily on the hospital. They hope that any former members of the nursing staff, any old patients, or friends of the hospital who may see this notice, will bear the sale in mind, and help all they can by contributions to the stalls, or by becoming buyers and interesting their friends in the matter. The hospital needs the help so badly, and will welcome very gratefully any assistance.

The Metropolitan Asylums Board Infirmary for Children at Carshalton, which has cost nearly £233,000, was opened on Saturday last, by the President of the Local Government Board. Mr. Burns visited all the wards, and chatted with the young inmates.

In his address, Mr. Burns said the establishment of institutions like the Children's Infirmary showed that instead of spending money on palliatives we were now inclined to find out and deal with the causes which made the slum child. We had to spend more money on research and scientific prevention. But, however much the State or the municipality might do, many of the causes that brought children to the workhouse and to the Metropolitan Asy-

lums Board institutions, could not be wholly eradicated by the State or the municipality. They could only be reduced and ultimately abolished by the parents themselves supplementing State action and municipal control, by that kindly and guiding influence that only a good father and mother could exercise upon the children.

At the Women's Exhibition, which remains open at Prince's Skating Rink, Knightsbridge, until the 26th inst., Miss A. M. Pease, of the London Nurses' Co-operation, has a nice baby doll, dressed in practical garments. Miss Pease considers the turning and twisting of babes to get them in and out of their present clothes senseless and tormenting. Her arrangement provides for the two woollen garments used being put on together, and the under one turned loosely over the feet and pinned with safety-pins, an arrangement as simple for the nurse, as it is comfortable for the child.

Containing as it does the home of Miss Florence Nightingale, the woman who first showed what could be done in the matter of Army Nursing, Derbyshire is expected to furnish a good proportion of the 91 nurses required to staff one of the two general hospitals which are being set up for the North Midland district under the Territorial Army scheme. One of these hospitals is at Leicester and the other at Lincoln, and it is for the purpose of supplying the latter that Derbyshire has been linked with Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire. Miss Stevenson is the Organising Matron, and she will have under her supervision 22 Sisters and 68 nurses, all of whom must have had three years' training in a recognised hospital or infirmary. Efforts are now being put forth to enrol these from among the nurses of the three counties, and at Derby Infirmary last Saturday afternoon an appeal was made to a large number of members of the profession from various parts of the county to bear their share in this work of home defence. Miss Amy Hughes explained the organisation.

Miss R. E. Darbyshire, Matron of the Derby Infirmary, stated that 50 per cent. of the Sisters under her charge had enrolled themselves for the Service, and some of the private nurses, of whom she had the supervision, were also joining. The names of others working in the county, who desired to become members, might be given to Miss A. H. Athill, Superintendent of the Royal Derby and Derbyshire Nursing Association, Miss Bridges, Superintendent Nurse of the Derbyshire Nursing Association, the Matron of Chesterfield Hospital, or herself. Lieut.-Col. R. H. Luce, 1st North

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