

Nursing Echoes.



The *Daily Telegraph* announces that the members of "The Queen Alexandra Imperial Military Nursing Service" are shortly placing in their chapel a stained glass window and a recording alabaster tablet in memory of their foundress, Florence Nightingale. This is being done on the initiative of the Matron-in-Chief and the principal Matrons, who have raised the funds solely amongst the past and present members of that Service, and those who formerly belonged to the Army Nursing Service. The subject of the window will be the appearance of our Lord to Mary Magdalene in the Garden. Field-Marshal Earl Roberts has promised to unveil the memorial some time next month.

Members of the Matrons' Council who propose to attend the meeting at Leicester on April 27th are asked to notify the same to Miss Mollett, at the Royal South Hants Hospital, Southampton, if possible, by Monday next, April 24th. The train by which the London members will travel leaves Marylebone Station, Great Central Railway, at 12.15 on Thursday, and the return train is due at the same station at 9.55 p.m. There is a luncheon car on the train, and the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League proposes to entertain the members to supper after the meeting. Miss Mollett will therefore be glad to know the approximate number of those who hope to be present.

The Journal of the Cleveland Street Branch of the Nurses' League of the Central London Sick Asylum District is most admirably produced and edited, and we congratulate all concerned on the first number, which is different in appearance and shape from any of its predecessors. The cream-coloured cover bears a reproduction of the League banner in harmonious tones of brown, blue, and gold, and it has, as its frontispiece, an excellent portrait of Miss C. B. Leigh, the President, to whose energy the members owe their League.

As is usual when a League is formed, the verdict, voiced editorially, is: "Our League has fully justified its existence, and there can be no doubt in the minds of those who have been able to attend the meetings that the objects have been achieved. We have again

been brought into touch with old friends, and have eagerly talked over the 'good old days,' and compared notes with the present ones. Nor has the pleasure of these reunions been entirely confined to the members themselves, for after the meetings many old nurses have visited their old wards, and many a patient's face has lighted up in recognising the favourite nurse of other days, and hearing and telling what has happened since." An interesting section of these League Journals is always the letters contributed by absent nurses, and Mrs. Wheeler (née Clark) gives a vivid description of her journey from Southampton to Durban, including a visit to Madeira.

The Journal of the Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses' League is now quite a long-established publication, for the April issue just to hand bears the number 15. It is full of chatty news of members, and is, besides, always professional in tone, carrying forward the registration banner with zeal and earnestness.

Probably in no department of nursing are more radical reforms needed than in many of the smaller infectious hospitals, a statement which certainly receives confirmation from the evidence, fully reported in the *Western Morning News*, brought forward in an action for damages brought against the Torquay Corporation at the Torquay County Court, before his Honour Deputy-Judge Lush, by Mr. William Gregory, an ex-police sergeant, who claimed to have suffered damage by the negligence of the defendants and their agents or servants.

Mr. E. Hutchings, who appeared for the plaintiff, said that the case was a very serious one, involving the death of a bright lad, aged 15, caused, he unhesitatingly said, by the neglect of the defendants. The boy, who had been of almost superlative robustness, was taken ill with scarlatina and removed for treatment to the Borough Isolation Hospital, where it was surprising to learn neither the Matron nor the Resident Nurse were trained, and he suggested that what followed was, in a measure, attributable to this fact. The plaintiff's son, soon after leaving his bed, whilst in the peeling stage, under the very eyes of those in authority, and by their permission or orders, was put to mow the grass of the large lawn. The next day he finished it, went back to bed, his heart, kidneys, and lungs became affected. Eventually he was removed to his home in June, and lingered on till December, when

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