

NURSING ECHOES.

The Hon. Albinia Brodrick has been most cordially welcomed by the nursing world in New York. On the 21st October the Superintendents were entertained to tea by Miss Nutting to meet Miss Brodrick, and members of the Joint Executives of the Nurses' Societies were invited by Miss Wald, R.N., LL.D., to tea at the Nurses' Settlement, where Miss Brodrick was present. We have no doubt her sprightly Irish wit and warm sympathy for the sick poor will endear her to hundreds of American friends. We hope the rumour that Mr. Andrew Carnegie has become interested in Miss Brodrick's good work at Ballincoona may be true, and that it may result in relieving her of some of the financial burden which she has shouldered so courageously.

The accompanying picture of Miss Elma Smith, Matron of the Central London Sick Asylum, Hendon, represents her as Mrs. Elizabeth Fry, whom she personated in the Nursing Pageant at Cologne. We think everyone must agree that the presentation of the great philanthropist is a most charming one. The Germans were delighted with it.



MISS ELMA SMITH AS MRS. ELIZABETH FRY.

A meeting of the Hendon branch of the Central London Sick Asylum Nurses' League was held on Friday, October 25th, when the members were favoured with a lecture by Dr. Metcalfe on Some Points in Modern Surgery, which was followed by a practical demonstration of an intravenous injection of salvarsan, and an illustration of CO₂ snow, a new treatment for the cure of nævi.

A goodly number of past and present nurses listened with keen interest to the more recent methods of present-day surgery, and the preparation and after-treatment of operations, so aptly explained by the lecturer, revealing vast improvements on the old method of even ten years back. How much more comfortable for the patient must be the present method of preparing the operation area to the old method of cleansing and rubbing the skin so many times to render it aseptic, and the uncomfortable wet compresses now forsaken. And what a much more comfortable and shorter road is necessary to recovery. Truly surgery moves with the times.

During the practical demonstration a newer and neater method of stitching wounds was seen, the mark of the needle being shown only at the beginning and end of the wound.

Nothing is more appreciated by League members who are not in hospital work than to have the opportunity of keeping in touch with up-to-date methods which is often afforded them through the kindness of the medical profession.

A Branch of the Nurses' Social Union has been formed for the City and County of Gloucester. A meeting will shortly be held for the purpose of electing members, and the Hon.

Secretary, 94, Southgate Street, The Cross, Gloucester, will be pleased to give any information to those interested.

A correspondent draws our attention to an advertisement for a probationer "to train as a hospital nurse," giving an address of a private house in a West End Square. Though the house is, we believe, used for the reception of

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