

obtained lucrative appointments from the Infirmary, and, as a rule, young women who have qualified at the Infirmary are readily accepted by outside unions. I only wish the excellent example could be followed by other workhouses throughout the country, as there is a vast amount of material most suitable for training Nurses absolutely lost each year at the scores of workhouses in the country from the simple fact that they are invariably under the charge of unqualified persons who pose as Matrons. The Local Government Board is aiding and abetting an almost, if not quite, criminal neglect each time it sanctions the appointment of an untrained, ignorant woman as Matron.

In *Good Housewives* this month there is a very useful and practical article entitled "Home Nursing." By the way, Miss Headdon's Training College, of which *Good Housewives* is the official organ, appears to be progressing very favourably.

MR. EDITOR seems to have suggested a solution of the B.N.A. badge question, by offering a prize of the value of half-a-guinea for the best sketch of a badge considered most suitable for the purpose. Particulars of the competition will be found in another column. I trust that all my readers artistically inclined or gifted will compete. The competition is open to everyone engaged in Nursing work.

WHILST mentioning competitions, I am greatly surprised by the vast number of post cards in response to the No. 7 post card examination: "Describe the best method of making beef tea." The answers have simply poured in, there being no less than thirty-four deserving honourable mention. This is decidedly encouraging.

A NEW Convalescent Home at Torquay has recently been opened by Lady Northcote. The *Western Weekly News* supplies me with the information that "The drawing-room of 'Cohenden' was tastefully decorated with flowers for the opening ceremony on Saturday, but the sparseness of furniture was in itself the most eloquent appeal on behalf of the furnishing fund. The Hon. Lady Northcote was accompanied by Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P., and the company also included Mr. T. Snow (Mayor of Exeter) and Mrs. Snow, Mr. C. B. Sanders (Sheriff of Exeter) and Mrs. Sanders, Rev. W. S. Boyle, Vicar of St. Luke's, Torquay; Rev. H. Rutherford, Rev. John and Mrs. Congreve, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Edgell, Dr. and Mrs. Domville, Mr. H. D. Thomas, Mr. G. L. Boundy, Dr. Blomfield, Mr. J. M. Ackland, Dr. Bothwell, Dr. Gordon, Dr. A. Kemp, Mr.

Russell Coombe, Captain and Mrs. Cobham, Mrs. and Miss Richards, Miss Robinson, Matron of Devon and Exeter Hospital; Miss Stabb and Miss A. Stabb. Lady Northcote carried two beautiful bouquets, one presented by Miss Erle and the other by the Mayoress of Exeter." I most cordially wish the Home every possible success.

MESSRS. TRUSLOVE AND SHIRLEY, the publishers of the *Philanthropist*, give notice of their removal from 7, St. Paul's Churchyard, to 143, Oxford Street, where the *Philanthropist* will in the future be published.

I MUST congratulate Mrs. J. G. Taylor, Matron of the Victoria Hospital for Sick Children, upon her success in obtaining the prize in the Twentieth Essay Competition, the subject of which was:—"In a Hospital containing fifty beds you are called upon to refurnish it throughout with the requisite linen. The Staff of Nurses number twenty; Ward Maids and Attendants living in the Institution, twelve; House Surgeon also to provide for. What would you do, and how much would you feel inclined to spend, giving a full list of material and articles required, with prices?" There was an exceedingly close contest, but the thoroughly practical character of Mrs. Taylor's essay secured the award.

THE next Prize Essay, the twenty-first, is a very popular one, and should call forth a number of competitors—"Write a story, founded upon your own actual experience, suitable for Christmas reading, the subject being left entirely to yourself." I anticipate some pleasant reading in the *Nursing Record* about Christmas time.

THE St. Olave's Board of Guardians appear to have some difficulty in obtaining some Nurses, as I gather from the *Metropolitan* that "the Board proceeded to hear the applications for the post of Nurse, for which advertisements had been issued. None of the applicants who came before the Board were accepted, some having no testimonials, and others not being experienced in the work of public institutions. It was resolved to advertise again. Mr. Gridley said it would be far the best way for the Board to train their own Nurses. Until that was done constant changes would take place in their Staff. The clerk said this question was before the Local Government Board, and the Board had better await their reply." If the particular Board of Guardians in question will only give decent salaries, provide their Nurses with plenty of good food, and proper accommodation, I'll warrant there will not be the slightest difficulty in obtaining thoroughly efficient Nurses.

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