

NURSING ECHOES.

We learn that the very greatest sympathy is being felt in Blackpool at the attitude of the medical faculty towards Miss Peel, the Matron of the Victoria Hospital. They profess to have no cause of complaint against her, and yet have demanded her head on a charger—that is, her resignation—before consenting to consult with the Board of Management as to the embroglio their interference with nursing matters has brought about. As we reported last week; Miss Peel has resigned, after many years' devoted work for the Hospital, and now the nursing and domestic staffs have followed her example. Three Sisters, ten nurses (including several probationers), and eight maids have resigned *en masse*, and taken this means of expressing their sympathy with Miss Peel, and their disapproval of the manner in which nursing and domestic discipline has been trifled with.

A Manchester branch of the National Union of Trained Nurses (the Nurses' Social Union) was successfully inaugurated on April 6th at the Manchester University Women's Union.

Miss Sparshott, Matron of the Royal Infirmary, presided, and the meeting was well attended, all branches of the nursing profession being represented.

Miss Pye, the organising secretary of the London centre of the Union, outlined the history of the nursing profession. In 1860 there were, she said, 25,000 women following the occupation of nursing, the majority of whom were between the ages of 50 and 60. In 1910 the returns were 60,000.

The main object of the Union was to make the nursing profession an effective branch of social service; it also sought to promote co-operation between the different sections of nurses.

Miss A. C. Gibson, who spoke on vocation and the modern type of nurse, said that nurses were by no means so overworked as they were 30 years ago. Much was being said at present about the dearth of nurses, but the demand was much greater than it used to be, and no doubt the difficulty would adjust itself.

A resolution proposing that a branch of the National Union of Trained Nurses should be formed was carried unanimously, Miss E. M. Smith, Township of South Manchester hospitals, accepting office as treasurer; and Miss Mundy, Royal Infirmary, assisted by Miss Turner, Manchester and Salford District

Nurses, undertaking the duties of secretary and assistant secretary.

Among the nurses who formed the nucleus of a committee were Miss Howard, Miss Oslen, Miss McSymont, and Miss Worthington.

Nurses who are visiting London to attend the forthcoming Nursing and Midwifery Exhibition at the Royal Horticultural Hall may be glad to know that they will find comfortable quarters, at moderate terms, at the Kensington Gardens Nurses' Club. They should apply in good time to the Principal of the Club at 56 and 57, Kensington Gardens Square, London. W.

At the annual meeting of the subscribers to the Birmingham District Nursing Society, held at the Council House last week, at which the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. E. Martineau, presided, it was reported that early in 1913 the Secretary of the Birmingham Small Arms Co., Ltd., had made application to the committee for the supply of a nurse in connection with the approved society of the company, and for the general benefit of its workpeople. The Lady Mayoress expressed the hope that the scheme which had been found to succeed in the case of the above Company would be tried by others.

The charming group on page 323 is of the nursing and medical staff at the Royal Infirmary, Chester, with Miss Blayney, the Matron, as the central figure. We hope that the opening of the new wings by the King last week has ushered in a new period of prosperity for this interesting institution. Under Miss Blayney's supervision, the reputation of the nursing staff is likely to attain a high standard, and the services of nurses trained in the Infirmary to be in increasing demand.

At the quarterly meeting of the Scottish Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses the report for the past three months' work was submitted. It showed that the Council was directly responsible for the maintenance of 12 Queen's nurses and 21 candidates receiving instruction in the training home. Ten candidates had completed their training during the period, and were now engaged in district work in Leith, Auchinleck, Lochgilphead, Kirkcaldy, Clydebank, Kelso, Campbeltown, and North Knapdale. Nursing Associations had been formed in six new districts, and were affiliated to the Institute. One hundred and twenty-four visits of inspection had been made, and reports on the work sub-

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