

### NURSING ECHOES.

At last the position of the Florence Nightingale statue in London has been decided upon, and very appropriately it is to be erected in Waterloo Place, already dominated by the Crimean Memorial. The statue of Lord Herbert of Lea (Mr. Sidney Herbert), who, as Secretary at War, was so intimately associated with Miss Nightingale's work, will be brought from its present position in the quadrangle at the War Office to complete the group. The Crimean Memorial will be moved from the centre to the foot of Waterloo Place, and the great figure of Peace which crowns that Memorial will thus appear to be holding out a wreath in the one hand to "Our Lady of the Law," and in the other one to the statesman through whose sympathetic co-operation her incomparable work for humanity in War was made possible.

We regret that owing to the space devoted to the Birmingham Conference we have been compelled to hold over many interesting articles, for which we thank contributors. Next week we shall publish a valuable paper on The Relief of Pain, by Dr. Knyvett Gordon, whose teaching is so highly valued by our readers.

For the purposes of the Mental Deficiency Act, a woman inspector is to be added permanently to the staff of the public health department of the London County Council. Applications are to be invited by advertisement, and candidates will be required to possess the qualifications of a health visitor, with nursing experience in an asylum, or an institution for mental cases. The appointment will be made in the first instance on probation for six months at a salary of £150 a year.

Mr. Joseph Lethbridge, of 59, The Chase, Clapham Common, S.W., licensed victualler, left estate of which the net personalty has been sworn at £46,566. He left £2,000 to his "faithful attendant and nurse, Ada Mutford."

In the lecture on the History of Nursing recently given at Gresham College, Dr. F. M. Sandwith stated that during the last years of the eighteenth century an official at one hospital was still the "bug-catcher," who received a salary of £40, "the same," said a report, "as they give to a surgeon." We are glad to find a medical man choosing the History of Nursing as his subject for the important Gresham Lectures. It was the coming of the educated and refined woman into hospital work

which swept dirt away, and made modern aseptic treatment possible.

The *Lancet* reports that at the St. Helens Police Court a woman named Maria Johnson was recently fined 10s. and costs for assaulting Agnes Jolliffe, a nurse employed by the school authorities, who had been charged with the duty of removing a child of the defendant for the purpose of having her cleansed from vermin. Notice of the child's condition had been duly served upon the parents, but nothing had been done by them. When the nurse appeared at the school to remove the child she was surrounded by a crowd of between 200 and 300 colliers' wives, who rescued the child, and the nurse was stated to have been struck on the forehead by the mother.

At the quarterly meeting of the Scottish Council of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, the report for the past three months' work was submitted. It showed that the Council were directly responsible for the maintenance of eight Queen's nurses and 24 candidates receiving instruction in the training home. Nine candidates had completed their training during the period, and were engaged for district work in Airth, Bo'ness, Dundonald, Edinburgh, Ellon, Hamilton, Kilchoman (Islay), Kirkintilloch, and Motherwell. Affiliation had been granted to eight new districts; 160 visits of inspection had been made, and reports on the work submitted to the Executive Committee; 1,123 cases had been nursed in Edinburgh by the nurses from the training home, involving a total of 31,269 visits. On May 31st 341 cases remained on the books. Donations received during the quarter amounted to £334 11s. 8d., subscriptions to £124 13s.

Many friends will regret to learn that Miss Mary Burr, of St. John's House Nurses' League, has had the misfortune to break her leg, and will not be able to leave Montreux, where she has resided of late, for some time to come.

Miss J. C. Child has been invited by the General Council of the King Edward VII Order of Nurses, South Africa, to serve on the Executive Committee, and will act as the representative of the Orange Free State on the provincial sub-committee when formed. We congratulate Miss Child upon this recognition of her valuable work as first Superintendent General, a position she has resigned.

The following most interesting letter was sent to an American Superintendent from a

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