

on Wednesday in last week, the Chairman said that since their last meeting he had had the sad duty of attending the funeral of their Matron. She had come to them thirteen years ago with very high recommendations from eminent surgeons, and had more than fulfilled their expectations. She brought to the discharge of her duties much skill and ability; and, above all, much conscientiousness.

It was proposed from the chair, and agreed, that the Managers' appreciation of her services should be entered in the minutes, and an extract sent to her brother, Professor M'Kerron, in Aberdeen.

Miss M'Kerron was trained at Charing Cross Hospital; and was Assistant Matron at the Royal Infirmary, Wigan.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE. EXAMINATION FOR THE ROLL OF QUEEN'S NURSES.

1. What is the principle involved in the use of earth closets? How should they be arranged and where placed with reference to the dwellings they serve?

2. How would you deal with a case of Post Partum Hæmorrhage in the absence of a Doctor?

3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of gas as a means of heating rooms? In what respect does heating of rooms by an open fire-place differ from doing so by a closed stove?

4. Describe fully how you would give a hot pack in a case of Albuminuria in the district.

5. What are the essentials of an "adequate diet"? Discuss the relative value of the various foodstuffs available for the poor.

6. If, when visiting school children in their own homes, you found a bad case of Pediculi Capitis, how would you deal with it?

TOYS FOR TINIES.

We have to thank Miss Ada Samuda, Miss Wilkinson and Miss J. T. Grant for boxes of beautiful toys for poor children, who otherwise might be left out in the cold on Christmas Day, so far as pretty gifts are concerned. We shall forward them in equal shares for the children at the Barnet Union Infirmary (in memory of the late Superintendent Nurse, who, last year, was so thankful for her share of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING toys), and to Miss A. Fairbank, Superintendent Nurse, Union Infirmary, Oulton (who has always had help for her Christmas tree through this journal). Miss Samuda's toys are to go to the "very poorest children," so have found their way to the East of London.

LEGAL MATTERS.

Miss Kate Hume, 17, has been again brought up at Dumfries on a new High Court indictment, charging her with forging two letters which formed the foundation of the bogus story of the murder of a nurse by Germans at Vilvorde, Brussels.

Sheriff Campion intimated that the trial will take place at Edinburgh on Monday, Dec. 28.

NURSING ECHOES.

In the letter from the King read at the meeting of the Governors and General Council of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London he said:—

"The King trusts that the pressing needs of the voluntary hospitals during the present crisis will not be lost sight of, and that the fund may receive such support as to be able to increase its annual distributions next year.

"His Majesty has observed with lively interest the fact that the professional staffs of the London hospitals have been largely called upon to assist at the seat of the war as well as at home in treating the sick and wounded. Many contingents from the nursing staffs are working abroad in their professional capacities, while the hospitals in London have in no small measure assisted in dealing with the wounded brought to England."

The amount received for the Fund on capital account was £370,856 10s. 11d., and on general account, after payment of expenses, £133,706 13s. 3d. £140,000 was distributed amongst the hospitals, the London Hospital heading the list with a gift of £12,000; Guy's Hospital, £7,500; the Royal Free Hospital, £5,000; King's College Hospital, £5,000; Prince of Wales, £5,000; Great Northern, £4,500; and Charing Cross, Dreadnought, Middlesex, Queen's Hospital for Children, and Westminster, £4,000 each.

There are rumours—and only rumours, let us hope—that it has been suggested to permit untrained Red Cross nurses entry into the Territorial Hospitals. Should any real attempt be made to include them in the scheme of the Territorial Nursing Service, it would be a serious breach of contract upon the part of the War Office, with the fully trained staff, which volunteered for service under certain regulations, and to which they might take exception. The Territorial Nurses deserve well of their country—they sacrifice much in its service—and any attempt through social influence to deprive them of their well-earned status, must be very jealously guarded against.

Our sick soldiers and the nursing profession owe a debt of gratitude to "Enid," of the *Referee*, for her outspoken and courageous article in last Sunday's issue on the "Nursing the Wounded Madness." In her opinion, this craze "is a shameful state of things, so shameful that something should be done to put a stop to it." That also is the considered

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