

I AM glad to be able to announce that Nurse Burr, the successful candidate in the fourteenth post-card examination, has chosen for her prize "Sheridan's Dramatic Works," "Lamb's Essays and Eliana," and "Massage for Beginners," by Lucy Fitch—a very useful and interesting selection.

ON Tuesday, the 3rd inst., Miss Violet Clarke was elected Matron of the Chichester Infirmary in the place of Miss Wyld resigned. Miss Clarke received her training at the Nightingale School, and has since been Night Superintendent at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, and Matron of the Western Fever Hospital, Fulham. This lady has my best wishes for success in her new and onerous duties.

I OUGHT to have mentioned before, but have been prevented by want of space, that Mr. C. A. Morton, F.R.C.S. (Eng.), of Zetland Road, Bristol, has been appointed by the Committee of the Bristol Hospital for Sick Children and Women to the post of pathologist to the Institution.

AND that Miss Annie L. Cox has obtained the post of Lady Superintendent to the Royal Infirmary, Hull. Miss Cox was trained at the Derby Infirmary, where she took charge of Wards, remaining there nearly five years. For two years and a-half Miss Cox was attached to the Kent Nursing Institution, West Malling; was Night Superintendent at the Bristol General Hospital for seven months; and for the last eight months has been Assistant Matron at the General Hospital, Bristol.

ALSO that H.R.H. Princess Mary Adelaide Duchess of Teck and her daughter, Princess Victoria, are attending a course of lectures on "Domestic and Personal Hygiene," being delivered at Ham Common (the residence of the Misses Buckland), by Owen Lankester, Esq., M.R.C.S., lecturer to the National Health Society. The above lectures are to be followed by some "Homely Talks" to poor women.

THE twenty-seventh annual report of St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Leicester Square, W.C., has just reached me. From it I learn that the income for the past year has been £2,969 15s. 10d., an increase of £922 18s. 2d., and also that the Hospital has been registered under the Friendly Societies' Act. St. John's Hospital, I believe, is the first that has taken this important step, a proceeding that has since been strongly recommended to the House of Lords Committee on Hospital management for adoption

by all medical institutions. The safeguards and advantages of registering under the Friendly Societies' Act are as follows:—

"(1) The rules of the Hospital must be submitted to the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies for official revision and sanction; (2) copies of the rules must be supplied on application on payment of a sum not exceeding one shilling; (3) the accounts must be kept for the calendar year; (4) the balance sheet must be in prescribed form, showing both income and expenditure and detailed cost of maintenance and management; (5) the accounts must be audited every year by public auditors, appointed by the Treasury, or by auditors elected annually by the subscribers in general meeting assembled; (6) the Board of Management must be elected annually; (7) an annual return must be sent to the Chief Registrar; (8) the balance sheet and auditor's report must be kept always exposed in a conspicuous place in the Hospital; (9) the books must be always accessible to subscribers; (10) default in any of the foregoing is punishable by fines of from £1 to £5; whilst (11) any erasure or falsification with intent to evade provisions of the Act is punishable by penalty not exceeding £50; (12) complaints may be made against the management to the Registrar of Friendly Societies, who can order a special meeting of the subscribers with the view to full investigation being instituted, such meeting appointing its own chairman; or the Registrar may institute enquiry and take evidence on oath; (13) stamps are not necessary on drafts or other documents usually requiring them; (14) members of the Board or Committee of Management or the Trustees are not personally liable for debts contracted for the Hospital, which, by registration, becomes a corporate body."

I always held—in spite of statements made to me to the contrary—that this Hospital was not by any means so black as it was painted, and I am glad to learn that the Board of Management have taken such steps as will place the Institution beyond all possible criticism.

THE thirty-fifth annual report also of the Jenny Lind Infirmary for Sick Children, 86, Pattersgate Street, Norwich, has reached me, from which I gather that during the past year 1,600 patients have been treated, showing an increase of 111 beyond the number in 1889. Of these, 1,330 were out-patients, while 270 in-patients obtained the advantages of the skilful treatment, tender nursing, and bright and home-like surroundings which the Children's Hospital affords.

I AM very pleased also to be able to state that the Committee desire to express their warm appreciation of the services rendered by the Medical Staff, the Lady Superintendent (Miss Wainwright), and the Nursing Staff, all of whom have bestowed unremitting care and attention upon the little sufferers whom they have had in their charge.

THE announcement of the Twenty-third Prize Essay Competition has brought forth a large number of very satisfactory essays, and I am instructed to say that the award will be inserted next week.

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