

## NURSING ECHOES.

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THE Prince of Wales has appointed the Earl of Limerick Director of the Ambulance Department of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England. Since the opening of the last winter session on October 1, over twenty-eight thousand first aid and nursing certificates have been issued.



I HEAR that Miss Mary Tilston has opened a Nursing Home in Chester, and doubt not that the medical men of that ancient city will speedily congratulate themselves upon this important work having been undertaken in their district by a lady who is so excellently qualified in every way to carry it out. Miss Tilston was trained and received her Certificate, in 1889, at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and for some two years subsequently continued to work in that great Institution. She will have the hearty good wishes of a large number of her old associates in her new field of work. The advantages of Nursing Homes are now generally recognised, as they combine, in fact, the advantages of a Hospital with the privacy of a private house. I observe that Miss Tilston proposes to send out Trained Nurses, and would suggest that, as a Registered Nurse herself, she might inaugurate in the Provinces what is now only a question of time in London—the establishment and advertisement of the Rule that "only Registered Nurses are sent out to private cases."

THE Staff of Salford Hospital are up in arms about their dietary. Five Nurses and thirteen Probationers have drawn up and presented a statement which is at least succinct and to the point. "The things we are dissatisfied with," they say, "are, first, butter not sufficient in quantity; meat indifferent in quality, hard, coarse, and uneatable at times, also cooked badly; bacon, extremely fat and insufficient; tea, coffee and cocoa not agreeable; sugar, very scarce; jam or cake, none, though both were ordered; scones, indigestible; milk at times sour and insufficient. Now that public attention has been called to the matter I hope improvements will soon be effected. An ill-fed Nurse cannot be a healthy Nurse; and Hospitals should not be sickness traps.

I AM requested to announce that the next session of the Zenana Medical College, 58, St. George's Road, S.W., will commence on October 1. The inaugural address and Bible reading will be given (D.V.) on October 3, at 11.45, by the Rev. E. F. E. Wigram. All friends of Medical Missions are invited.

MISS M. E. PARKER, has been appointed Night Sister to the Infirmary, Strafford. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and has worked in the Monsall Fever Hospital and elsewhere.

MISS M. B. WILSON, who was trained at the London Hospital, has been appointed Matron of the Taunton Hospital.

I AM always glad to hear, for the information of my readers, what is going on in our Colonies in Nursing matters, and I may add that it gives me much pleasure to execute the commissions for new dressings, instruments, and books, which our Colonial subscribers in constantly increasing numbers entrust to me. A cheque on a London bank, or postal order must, however, be always sent with the list of requirements.

I WISH that our contemporary, *Truth*, would take up the very serious question of the treatment accorded to Nurses both inside and outside Hospitals. Recently, one of his letters contained a brief description of a Nurse's work, with the comment, "The work seems to us to be very hard and the hours very long." Nurses do not complain of either of these, and no one worthy of the name would do so. But they do complain of the unjust and arbitrary conditions under which they work at some Hospitals, and the shameful facility with which any ignorant or dissipated woman outside Hospitals can call herself a Nurse, and can bring danger to the sick and disgrace on the whole profession of Nursing. If *Truth* will wield his potent and caustic pen to expose this crying scandal, he would add one more to the list of benefits which he has conferred on his countrymen by the exposure of shams and detection of abuses.

MRS. ORMISTON CHANT has opened a "Holiday House" at Ashford, near Staines, for town-wearied people too poor to obtain a spell of country life. There are to be none of the rules and

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