

I HEAR that Miss Jessie Alexander has been appointed Matron of the Paisley Infirmary. Miss Alexander was trained and received the certificate of the Lancaster Royal Infirmary, at Preston; after more than two years' work in that Institution, she went to the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, as a Probationer, obtained the certificate of that Hospital in 1889, and was gradually promoted, until for some months she has been working as Assistant, and then Acting, Matron.

I HEAR that Miss Margaret Pocock has been appointed Sister of the Women and Children's Wards of the General Infirmary, Bedford. Miss Pocock has worked in St. Bartholomew's, the Brompton Consumption, and the Dorchester Hospitals, and in Shrewsbury and Bolton Infirmarys. In the latter Institution she held the same position as that to which she is now appointed. Miss Pocock is a Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and a Registered Nurse.

ON Friday afternoon, October 30, there was an "At Home" at 3, Burwood Place, Hyde Park, at which about one hundred and twenty Nurses were present. There had been a general desire among the members of the London Association of Nurses to convey to Miss Walker some concrete expression of their thanks for the valuable services she has rendered to them for some years past.

THE gift consisted of a silver-mounted oak tray, a silver tea-pot, cream-jug, and sugar basin, brass kettle and stand, a white and gold porcelain tea-service, a small walnut table, and a larger walnut Sutherland table. A small book contained the names of the donors, and included all the Nurses belonging to the Association. The tray bore a silver plate, with the following inscription: "Presented to Miss Walker, by the members of the London Association of Nurses, as a mark of their appreciation of her valuable superintendence and help, October, 1891."

THE presentation was made on behalf of her fellow Nurses, by Miss S. A. Payne, who has been connected with the Association since 1875. Miss Payne expressed the pleasure they all felt in knowing they would still have Miss Walker among them for the future. Miss Walker, in returning thanks, said that she was very much touched by their expressions of kindness and goodwill, and felt that the success of her work had depended on the hearty co-operation and the spirit of loyalty towards each other which she had always observed among the Nurses. She had also to acknowledge the support and help of

others who had acted with her, particularly the Misses Briggs and Miss Rayner. She also asked that they would extend the same treatment for which she was grateful, to Miss Firth's niece, Miss Spriggs, who has recently taken up her place as Superintendent.

THE General Committee of the Birmingham Hospital Saturday Fund has lately resolved to purchase a property known as Tyn-y-Coed, near Llandudno, at a cost of £7,500, for the purpose of a Convalescent Home, to contain at first forty beds.

IF any of my readers are fond of pictures, I would advise them to go to Messrs. Tooth and Sons, in the Haymarket, and visit their winter exhibition. They have as usual an excellent collection; but the two that took my fancy most were "The Trenchant Blade—Toledo Trusty," by A. Lesset, and "Playful Moments," by J. W. Godward. Among the others which deserve mention were, "The First Communion," "After the Celebration," the priest represented as "A Clerical Amateur" and "In the Study"; and a pathetic little picture is to be seen in the "Rent Day." There were others, too numerous to name here, but the best advice I can give is that my readers should go and see for themselves. S. G.

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THE DAIRY SHOW, AGRICULTURAL HALL.—On Thursday evening, Oct. 15, in spite of wind and rain, we made our way to the above Show, thinking there might be something to be seen of interest to the readers of *The Nursing Record*. Although a Dairy Show, there were such exhibits as the following: The Beckenfeld Filter, by the Beckenfeld Filter Company, 70, Mark Lane, E.C.; these filters are specially adapted for use in Hospitals and large Institutions. Austin's Porous Disinfectant, by the Austin Sanitary Cylinder Co., Limited, 181, Queen Victoria Street, E.C.—a very useful and important sanitary invention; it should be largely used in Hospitals and sick rooms. Puritas, a new solid, automatic, pleasant, and lasting deodorizer and disinfectant, exhibited by the Puritas Co., Hackney Wick, and 131, Leadenhall Street, E.C., which for sick rooms should prove invaluable. "Jeyes'" and the "Sanitas" Co. had of course big exhibits of their well-known and

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