

NURSING ECHOES.

It seems to be quite usual to hear that the last of the little band of nurses who went out to the Crimea to work under Miss Florence Nightingale has passed away. Now it appears that Mrs. Janet Ann Newbury can claim this distinction. Mrs. Newbury is an inmate of the Whiston Workhouse Infirmary, Lancashire, and has just celebrated her 101st birthday.

There passed away recently in the United States Mr. James Brennan, formerly of the 8th Royal Irish Hussars, who was in the personal bodyguard of Lord Raglan, the Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces in the Crimea, and helped to put up the tent provided for Miss Nightingale on her arrival. By his express wish his body was cremated, and his ashes brought to England by his daughter to be interred in the Military Cemetery at Aldershot.

The Course of Lectures arranged by the Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1, to assist students studying for the Examinations of Women Health Visitors and Child Welfare Workers, will commence on Monday, October 1st, at 6 p.m.

Candidates for these Examinations have to possess nursing and midwifery qualifications before they can enter. The course deals with the subjects necessary for the Examination and which do not come within the ordinary course of a nurse's training. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary at the above address.

The Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co., through their district representative at Cardiff, have presented to the Matron (Miss E. Grice, S.R.N.), of Allt-yr-yn Hospital, Newport (the Borough Isolation Hospital) a wireless receiving set for the use of the staff. The apparatus, a Marconiphone V2A, is a first class one, capable of receiving broad-casting from any station in the British Isles, and has an Amplion loud speaker attachment, by means of which the music can be heard throughout the Nurses' Home. Needless to say the gift is very highly appreciated, and during the coming winter evenings more especially the staff will have cause to feel grateful for the generosity of the Marconi Co. in making such a handsome and entertaining present.

The extraordinary case reported from Balderton, near Newark, in Nottinghamshire, where great excitement was caused by the sensational report that a dead child had come to life again, appears to require some further elucidation than the official report issued from Newark Isolation Hospital. This states that a six-year-old boy, named Robinson, was admitted to the institution in a comatose condition suffering from diphtheria, and the usual anti-toxin treatment was administered. The boy remained more or less moribund and semi-conscious, it being difficult at times to detect any breathing. When the father called at the hospital the boy had apparently ceased breathing, but when the nurse returned after telling the father "He's just gone," the breathing was resumed. Instead of informing the father immediately, the nurse remained to revive the patient. Two hours elapsed before the father learned of what had happened. In the meantime the death bell had been rung and the father was making arrangements for the funeral.

Surely the nurse should not have left the boy's bedside in the first instance to answer the door; and, in the second, if she felt it necessary to stay by the patient, humanity demanded that a message should immediately have been sent to the father to inform him that the child was living.

Miss Kate Farrell, Matron; Miss Roberta Helen Brown, nurse; and Miss Minnie Frances McGowan, nurse, all on the staff of a nursing home in Hove, got into difficulties last week while bathing at Hove. Among those who pluckily went into the water to their rescue was Mrs. Cooper Rawson, wife of Lieut.-Commander Rawson, one of the Brighton M.P.s. She rendered first aid, and subsequently took all three ladies to her house, where they were attended to. Miss Farrell and Miss McGowan soon recovered, but Miss Brown remained for some time in a precarious condition.

The Danish National Council of Nurses have recently moved into new offices at Fredriksborggade 29 I, having quite outgrown the capacity of Kronprinsessegade 50. They have a series of rooms conveniently fitted for the needs of their work, and over the mantelpiece of the principal room is an excellent portrait in oils of their honoured and beloved President, Mrs. Henny Tscherning.

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