

Nursing Echoes.

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT attended the annual meeting last week of the Royal Portsmouth Hospital. In proposing a vote of thanks to the Medical Officers, his Royal Highness said that though there might be a difference of opinion as to management—the balance-sheet showing a deficit of £1,000—the Hospital was a splendid institution, and the medical work was carried out admirably. As



General Commanding the District he thanked them in the name of the Army for their kind treatment of a Royal Engineer who had been injured on the railway, and was tended there till he died.

MR. E. A. PEARN, of Compton Leigh, near Plymouth, has given a mansion and twenty-four acres of land for the benefit of the Royal Albert Hospital, Devonport, and the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth. On the land he purposes to erect a Convalescent Home, and will himself endow it for the joint use of the two Institutions named. The gift has been gratefully accepted.

AT the weekly meeting of the Manchester Board of Guardians, on Feb. 18, Mrs. HYLAND explained her position with regard to the recent sale of work for the benefit of sick inmates of work-houses. She said that two years ago she heard with great interest a paper read by the COUNTESS OF MEATH, entitled, "The Idle Room." She bought a quantity of material, and invited ladies to help her, and they started several of the patients at various kinds of work. Finding many of them grateful for any means of relieving the miserable monotony of their weary hours as sick inmates of a Hospital, she determined to put the matter on a proper footing. She then obtained the grant of £20 from the COUNTESS OF MEATH. Some friends joined her, who personally visited the inmates, and cheered them by their friendly counsels, and these efforts had already been crowned with great success. Several members of the board expressed their hearty appreciation of work which gives the patients a new interest in life.

DISPOSE OF THE DEAD AS NATURE DIRECTS.—Everyone interested in the reform of funeral abuses should read the brochure published by the London Necropolis Company. It can be had gratis of the Secretary, 2, Lancaster Place, Strand, or 138, Westminster Bridge Road.

THE friends and subscribers to the York Home for Nurses, which, with nearly eighty Nurses under its immediate control, accomplishes an enormous amount of good, held their annual meeting last week at the Home, Monksgate, York. The DEAN OF YORK presided, and the LADY MAYORESS was present. During the past year the staff employed has been one Sister in Charge, two Sisters working amongst the sick poor, fifty-three Nurses, two District Nurses, and twenty Probationers. The number of Nurses is steadily increasing, and so is the work; whilst the reports received as to the nursing have been very good.

THE first of a course of lectures on the "Home Nursing of Children in Health and in Sickness," and "Minor Accidents," was given by Mr. GEORGE P. BODDIE, M.B., on the 17th ult., in the hall of the Domestic Economy School, in Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh. The lectures qualify for the examination and certificate for sick nursing of the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association. Special arrangements have been made for the admission of children's nurses, who will have an opportunity of learning, amongst other things, what steps to take in such emergencies as swallowing fish-bones or pins, or sufferings from stings, burns, or scalds, &c.

MISS EMILY STEEL has been appointed Matron of the Ledbury Cottage Hospital. She was trained at Westminster, and was appointed Matron to the Brentwood Cottage Hospital in 1890.

ST. JOHN'S MATERNITY HOME at Battersea is becoming renowned for the sound teaching it bestows on its pupils. The following passed the L. O. S. Examination held in January: Sisters ROSALIE, ALMA, LOIS, and MARGARETTA of the Community of St. Peter, Kilburn; also EMILY CONSTANCE GOBAT, MARY DENNING, MARY ANN SKINNER, ANNE JANE HENRY, and MARY FRANCES SALSTON.

THE *Bradford Daily Telegraph* relates the double escape of a patient from the Fever Hospital there, under very ludicrous circumstances. A young woman certified as suffering from typhoid was received into the Hospital, and the medical superintendent and visiting physician, failing to discover anything wrong with her, excepting, perhaps, hysteria, had her placed in an isolation room. From this the girl appears to have made her escape, but was soon captured by a constable, who took her to the Town Hall, where an ambulance (presumably fever) was provided, and she was restored to captivity, put to bed, and had a Nurse entirely to herself to prevent a repetition

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