

for example, in *Winter's Magazine*—which, as one of the most smartly written and edited weeklies, has thoroughly deserved its success—some few weeks ago, in an article on THE NURSING RECORD, said, that she read it “every week, with the greatest avidity”—it was very pleasant to receive so many marked copies from Nurses, not only as a proof of their friendliness to ourselves, but as evidence that so many of our readers are so discriminating as to subscribe to our contemporary.

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I AM very glad to hear such a good account of work as that given in the Annual Report of the Peterborough District Nursing Association. During the last year, 4,528 visits were paid to 153 patients, which is undoubtedly, a very good record, and proves that many of the cases must have been severe. The Committee were able to report that they had received so many additional subscriptions, that they were able to add to the Nursing Staff, and nearly double the area of work, and, furthermore, that they had decided to affiliate the Association to the Jubilee Institute. Further proofs these, not only of the usefulness of the work, but also of the manner in which it is appreciated in the locality.

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THE work of District Nursing at Pear Tree Green, near Southampton, deserves more than ordinary mention. It was commenced some sixteen years ago, by Miss MARY BLISS DAVIES who has ever since held the position of Hon. Secretary of the scheme. Commenced in days when there was little knowledge of, and less sympathy with, such work, Miss DAVIES has had the great satisfaction of seeing it grow and extend in popularity and usefulness year by year; now, perhaps largely owing to “the skill and ready sympathy” of Nurse ALLEN, M.R.B.N.A., the work is held in general and high esteem. Last year, a Nurse's Home was built, 3,451 visits were paid, and after paying all expenses, there remained some £20 in hand. Miss DAVIES may well be congratulated upon the success which has attended her work.

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THE Edinburgh Institution for training sick Nurses was the first Nurses' Home established in Scotland. When it was founded in 1862, as its last Report truly says: “The Nurses at the disposal of the public, were of a type much inferior both in knowledge and in character to the trained sick Nurse of to-day, nor was there any organization to act as intermediary between the Nurse and her employer, so as to vouch for her skill and steadiness.” The

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Institution filled this want, and deserves the greatest credit for so doing. But I want to know why it has not moved with the times. I am astonished to see that, in 1892, it takes women as probationers, has them “trained at the expense of the Institution for one year at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, and they are thereafter bound to work for the Home for a further period of three years.”

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THIS was excellent in 1862, but it is woefully out of date to-day. The sick in Edinburgh require as well trained Nurses, and should be as well provided, as the sick require, and can obtain, elsewhere. The Lords' Select Committee have expressed their strong opinion that no Nurse should be described as thoroughly trained until she has had three years Hospital education. It will, probably, be ten years before the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, realises and acts upon this reform. But with such a history of useful work as the Edinburgh Nurses' Home possesses, I earnestly hope that its system will speedily be brought more in accordance with modern views and requirements in Nursing matters. If it would—as so many other Institutions have done—cease to train, only take Nurses who have been trained for three years, and give them a percentage upon their earnings, I have no hesitation in saying that it would find the system more successful in every way.

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ALTHOUGH the post has not been advertised, I hear there are already a great number of candidates for the appointment of Matron to the Convalescent Home at Swanley, in connection with St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

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I REGRET to hear that Mrs. PALMER, the much esteemed Matron of St. Mark's Hospital for Fistula, in the City Road, is retiring through ill-health. The post is advertised this week. The Hospital contains 30 beds, and the salary is fixed at £80 per annum. A Charge Nurse is also required for the same institution.

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I AM glad to see that the Rev. Mr. PELLE, the Master of St. Katherine's Hospital, has expressed a decided opinion against *Sectarian* District Nursing in an interesting pamphlet which he has just written on “Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, its Object and Work.”

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