

Nursing Echoes.

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UNDER the auspices of the National Health Society, Miss ANNESLEY KENEALY, last Saturday afternoon, gave an address on her experiences during the late Cholera epidemic in Hamburg, in the Lecture Hall of the Society of Arts, John Street, Adelphi. Sir SPENCER WELLS, Bart., F.R.S., presided on this occasion. Miss A. KENEALY and her sister offered their services to assist

in nursing the patients stricken with Cholera, so that all her information on the subject was most valuable and instructive.

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BEYOND the mackintosh dress, mocassins and cap, which those engaged in nursing Cholera cases are advised to wear, I beg to suggest a further precaution, namely that they should learn how to smoke! It is stated upon good authority that experiments made by Drs. BUBNER and WERNICKE at Berlin to ascertain whether cholera can be transmitted through cigars, or tobacco in any other form, have led to the remarkable discovery that only a few minutes' contact with tobacco leaf suffices to shrivel up the cholera bacillus, to which tobacco smoke also rapidly proves fatal.

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THE National Health Society, which, it may be interesting to my readers to know, is almost entirely under female management—the secretary, the office staff and most of its lecturers being women—is now commencing its winter courses of popular Drawing Room or Public Hall Lectures on subjects such as “Home Nursing,” “First Aid to Injured,” “Domestic Hygiene,” “Physiology and Anatomy.” Candidates attending these classes can enter for examination in the various subjects at the conclusion of each course, and on gaining not less than three certificates are thus eligible to present themselves for an examination for the Silver Medal of the Society, which her Grace the Duchess of WESTMINSTER bestows upon the successful candidates once a year, in the beautiful Rubens Gallery, Grosvenor House, kindly lent by His Grace the Duke, who presides over the Society and is always most interested in, and ever ready to help on, its

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good work. Besides these lectures to educated audiences the Society is prepared at any time to send nurses and teachers to the poorer classes, to give series of Homely Talks on “What to do until the Doctor Comes,” “Nursing the Sick,” “Health and Cookery,” &c., such teaching being so valuable to mothers belonging to Mothers' Meetings, at Girls' Friendly Societies, Men and Boys' Guilds and Clubs, &c., and always hailed with delight by the members, many youthful candidates entering for examination, and aspiring in some cases for the Medal. The vast importance of teaching such subjects is clearly shown by the wide interest taken in the matter by the various County Councils all over England. For the past two years application has been made by them for the Society's competent lecturers to go into the various towns and villages, and deliver series of these practical “talks” to working men and women. Members are entitled to a certain number of “talks” for their poor, free of charge. Any information respecting these lectures, and any further particulars of the Society, may be had by applying to the Secretary, 53, Berners Street, London, W.

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I AM glad to hear that the course of four lectures given by Mrs. WILLIAMSON at the Exmouth Convalescent Home was a great success. The last lecture was on Friday, 21st October, and a vote of thanks was warmly accorded to her at the close. The lectures were on practical Nursing, and the audience was immensely interested in the demonstrations which followed each. They consisted of the use of the thermometer, poultice making and fomentations, and the changing of sheets and the making of helpless patients' beds. Mrs. WILLIAMSON having behaved with her accustomed generosity, a handsome “grandfather clock” has been obtained for the Home, and is ticking gaily in the hall. It is proposed to ask Mrs. WILLIAMSON to give a popular course of lectures on Nursing after Christmas to a general audience.

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THE keen interest which is felt upon the Midwives' question, and the almost universal opposition to the proposed legislation on the matter is shown by the correspondence which the Medical Journals receive. The following letter appeared in the *Lancet*, last week:—

SIRS,—If every member of the profession would place on record but one of the instances of flagrant ignorance on the part of midwives which are constantly coming under our notice a mass of evidence would soon be accumulated which would perchance cause those enthusiasts for “cheap doctoring” who are proposing to register these unskilled persons to

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