

OUR influential contemporary, the *Daily Telegraph*, is not often found wanting in accuracy. Consequently its Nursing readers must have been surprised to read in its columns last week that "Marylebone possesses the only Infirmary to which is attached a Training Home for Nurses, and during the five years that have elapsed since the Home was opened by Princess Christian, a great change for the better has taken place in the nursing of patients in the Infirmary. The old incompetent attendants have disappeared, and their places have been taken by devoted and skilled women."

OF course it is well known that at the Brownlow Hill Infirmary, at Liverpool, there was a large and most important Training School for Nurses many years before many London Hospitals undertook the work, and many more before the Marylebone Infirmary was even built. This, to say nothing of the systems of teaching pursued at the Kensington and at the Chelsea Infirmaries, or the admirably organized School at the new Workhouse Infirmary at Birmingham, and many other Poor-Law Institutions. I hear, by-the-bye, that an investigation into the vast expense of the St. Marylebone Infirmary is certain to be instituted sooner or later.

A NURSE friend of mine in the States puts the following postscript to a letter recently received: "Your pretty journal comes regularly, and after I have had a good read at it, and a hearty laugh at the ridiculous opposition, always apparently emanating from a corner or ring—if two people can be called a ring—which every member of the Nursing world knows, I pass it over to the City Hospital, where it is not only greatly appreciated, but is thought to be a wonderfully smart little paper."

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### HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS, ETC., COMMUNICATED AND COLLECTED.

THE After-Care Association for Poor and Friendless Female Convalescents on leaving Asylums for the Insane holds its annual meeting to-day, at 83, Lancaster Gate, Hyde Park, at three o'clock. The chair will be taken by the Right Hon. the Earl of Meath. Any friends who may desire to contribute to the funds of this very excellent charity should communicate with the secretary, Mr. H. Thornhill Roxby, Arden Lea, The Drive, Walthamstow, Essex.

WE are glad to notice a highly satisfactory record of a year of useful work in the perusal of the annual report of the Staffordshire Institution for

Nurses, Stoke-on-Trent, and which speaks volumes for the energy and administrative abilities of Miss Shirley, the Lady Superintendent, who gives ungrudgingly a warm measure of thanks to all those of her staff who have contributed by the unselfish devotion to their duties so much to the success of the Society. There are seventy-eight Nurses at present engaged in the work, the number of cases nursed three hundred and eighty-six; and the earnings have increased on last year by the formidable amount of £710, and a substantial balance is carried forward. The Society has our heartiest congratulations. One very pleasant feature of the Institution is that all of the staff who can do join the British Nurses' Association, an example which is with advantage being followed by many other Societies.

THE twelfth and thirteenth annual reports of the Edinburgh School of Cookery and Domestic Economy have reached us, and very pleasing reading they are; particularly when we find that in both years a credit balance has been carried forward. Under Miss Guthrie Wright, who is mainly responsible for the working of the School, a more than satisfactory account is given of the duties performed. To our mind there is nothing more important, and yet at the same time nothing more neglected, than the teaching of practical cookery, kitchen hygiene, and domestic economy, and we would like to see these very excellent societies increased by the hundred-fold, which would result in an improved stamina of the nation, and an increase to its prosperity. To carry out successfully the excellent objects of this Society is philanthropy in its perfection.

LLANDUDNO's General Nicol Memorial Cottage Hospital has just celebrated its eighth annual meeting. Last year there was an adverse balance of £17 4s. 6d.; this year there is to the credit of the funds of the Institution no less than £27 13s. 11d. The Building Fund wants reducing, however, and we regret to note the absence of a vote of thanks to the Lady Superintendent and Nursing Staff. Why this omission?

THE Hamilton Association for providing Trained Male Nurses held its annual meeting on Saturday last, but only receiving an invitation the same morning it was impossible for us to send a representative there, so we must reserve our comments upon the proceedings for another occasion.

BLACKPOOL is agitating for a Sick Nursing Association. There should be no difficulty in getting the necessary "saxpences" out of the many wealthy cottonopolists who visit the place.

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