

has added greatly to their happiness. The Nurses are consulted, and choose their own periodicals. We are fortunate enough to be provided daily with the "Times" by one of the gentlemen on the Committee; weekly, we take the "Lancet," "British Medical Journal," "Nursing Record," "The Queen," and "The Graphic;" monthly, "Harper's Magazine," "The Nineteenth Century," "Woman's World," and "Temple Bar." Amongst the stock volumes already purchased or given by friends interested in the welfare of our Nurses, we have the leading works on Nursing by Miss Nightingale, Miss Catherine Wood, Miss Florence Lees, Drs. Cullingworth, Domville, &c., and selections from the works of Carlyle, Emerson, Lamb, Thackeray, Dickens, Black, Wendell Holmes, Short-hose, George Eliot, and some well-written novels, books of travel and science. The periodicals are not permitted to be removed out of the recreation room; but twice a week, at 9.30 p.m., I give out the other volumes which are kept under lock and key, entering the name of the nurse and the book, in a book kept for the purpose, so that by this means they do not get mislaid.—Yours, truly,

LIBRARIAN.

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