

WE are pleased to learn that the St. Jude's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society has completed its first year's work, and it now comprises sixty-nine members, twenty-two candidates (children under twelve years of age), thirteen working and twenty-three honorary associates. The festival took place in July, and an afternoon meeting of the members will be given in February. Twelve lessons in dress-making have been given by Mrs. Cook, and were much appreciated. Miss Close, Matron of the Kensington Infirmary, will shortly commence a course of instruction on Home Nursing. Some premiums for good service for members under eighteen, and bonuses on savings, have been earned. Help is given in cases of sickness, and one member had a free admission to the Eastbourne Convalescent Home. The Secretary will be glad of any other information, or to receive subscriptions for the furtherance of the good work which is being carried on in various ways among the members. President: Mrs. Forrest; Working Associates: Miss Bruce, Miss Brandon, Mrs. Carson, Miss Close, Mrs. Down, Miss Beatrice Evill, Miss Fass, Miss Fuller, Miss Edith Gordon, Miss Rose Gordon, Miss H. M. Gossel, Miss Mabel Greenfield, Miss Haywood Strudwick; Secretary: Mrs. White, 13, Bolton Gardens, W.

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AN entertainment was provided for the patients of the Throat Hospital, Golden Square, on Wednesday last, January 30th, which was really remarkable for the high standard of excellence maintained throughout. The arrangements had been made by Miss Mackay, the Sister-in-Charge, assisted by the Chaplain, Rev. P. Bambridge, Vicar of St. Thomas', to whom the greatest credit is due for getting together so many able performers, and the result of her labours must have been most gratifying to her. A new piano had lately been provided by the Committee, and the room was beautifully decorated by the Nursing staff. The programme was of a varied character, and contained something to suit every taste; and besides several very accomplished amateurs, Mdlle. Siesto and Mr. Fredk. King generously placed their most welcome services at Miss Mackay's disposal. Mdlle. Siesto was in capital voice and was warmly applauded, while Mr. King's songs also met with the appreciation they so well deserved. Among the amateur contributions, piano and violin solos were charmingly rendered; and special mention must be made of the recitations of the Rev. Mr. Bambridge, and of the comic songs of the organist of St. Thomas', which materially assisted to enliven the audience and put every one in a happy frame of mind, and able, for the moment, at least, to forget the ills that flesh is heir to.

THIS WEEK'S VACANCIES.

ADDRESS.	SITUATION.	SALARY.	APPLICATION TO
8, Alexandra Road.	Hospital Nurse, Masseuse.		Lady Superintendent, 8, Alexandra Road, Finsbury Park.
Bedford Nursing Institute.	Trained Nurse.	£24.	Lady Superintendent, Matron.
Bristol Royal Infirmary.	Two Night Nurses and Two Probationers.	£18.	Matron.
City of Glasgow Fever Hospital.	Trained Nurse for Paralysis Case.		Lady Superintendent.
Convalescent Home, Woolton, Liverpool.	Nurse (Certificated Midwife).		F. E. B., Woodlands, Glasbury, Radnorshire.
Country Parish.	Certificated Nurse.	£50.	Lady N., Malwood, Lyndhurst.
Devonport Royal Albert Hospital Nursing Association.	Certificated Nurses for Private Nursing.	£25.	Matron.
District Nurse.	Certificated Nurse.	£25.	Major Aldridge, The Holt, Hungerford, Berks.
East Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich.	Night Nurse.	£20.	Matron.
Essex and Colchester Hospital.	Trained Nurse.		Matron.
Gateshead Children's Hospital.	Probationer.	Salary second year.	Matron.
Glasgow Sick Poor and Private Nursing Association.	Trained Nurses and Certificated Midwives.		Lady Superintendent, 220, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow.
Gt. Yarmouth Hospital.	Probationer.	£20 Prem.	Hon. Secretary.
Hampstead (North London) Consumption Hospital.	Trained Nurse.	£23.	Secretary, 210, Tottenham Court Road.
Huddersfield Infirmary.	Trained Nurses (Two).	£24 (Bonus £2 12s.)	Matron.
Llanely Hospital.	Trained Nurse.	£20.	Secretary.
Leeds District Nurses' Home.	Trained Nurse.	£15.	Superintendent, Lovell Street, Leeds.
Morpeth (Northumberland County) Asylum.	Matron.	£70 rising £90.	Medical Superintendent.
National Hospital, Queen Square, W.C.	Paying Probationers.	Fee 21s. per week. £50	Lady Superintendent.
Newcastle-on-Tyne Hospital for Sick Children.	Matron.		Lady Secretary.
Perth Sick Poor Nursing Association.	District Nurse Superintendent.		Dr. Hunt, Secretary, Perth.
Royal Hospital for Children and Women, Waterloo Road.	Certificated Nurse (personal application).		Matron.
Workhouse Infirmary Nursing Association.	Nurses and Midwives.		Hon. Secretary, 6, Adam Street, Strand.

THERE is nothing like courage in misfortune. Next to faith in God and in His overruling providence, a man's faith in himself is his salvation. It is the secret of all power and success. It makes a man strong as the pillared iron or elastic as the springing steel.

THERE are afflictions that must be wrestled with in secret, or they will triumph over manhood; and there are even joys with which no stranger may intermeddle.

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