

dence and practical effect. "The Nurses' Home, Sauchiehall Street—A Suggestion.—Sir,—Are the ladies of Glasgow aware that among the Nurses in this home there are several, like themselves, ladies by birth and education, who, after going their rounds from morn to eve among the sick poor of their several districts, have not, from the want of a piano or any other instrument of music, the means to cheer their evening hours? Surely this question needs only to be asked to lead to an immediate answer in the gift of a first-class piano from the ladies of Glasgow to the home?—I am, &c., SUAM CUIQUE."

I AM glad to hear that Miss Miriam Ridley has been appointed Matron of the Cottage Hospital at Llandudno. Miss Ridley was trained at St. Bartholomew's, and afterwards worked for some time on the Private Nursing Staff. The kind correspondent who sends me this news adds: "This is quite a model Hospital, built on the Swiss style, to accommodate seven male and seven female patients, and twelve convalescent cases, and there are also six rooms set apart for paying patients. It has only been built four years, and so has all the latest sanitary improvements. There is a splendid hall in the centre of the building, with a handsome American organ. Lady Augusta Mostyn is the Lady Superintendent, and with seven other ladies forms the Board of Management. It is the pet place of the neighbourhood, and every effort is made to make the Matron happy and the patients comfortable." I congratulate Miss Ridley upon the pleasant prospect before her, and the Hospital Managers and patients upon the excellent Nurse and kind-hearted gentlewoman whom they have obtained as Matron.

THE letter to the *Standard* on young lady Nurses which I quoted last week has aroused an active correspondence, some writers arguing that women should be allowed to work if they wish, and as much as they wish; others that they ought not to be allowed to work at all; but most of them missing the whole point of the difficulty urged by "M.R.C.S.," which was shortly this, that the danger is not the admission of women to nurse in Hospitals, but the mistake which is made in allowing young unformed ladies to undertake work beyond their strength, and for which their whole previous training and life has entirely unsuited them.

S. G.

MUTUAL courtesy oils the wheels of life and makes them roll easily. It sweetens what is inevitably bitter, and cannot bring about that result save by making the best of things.

THIS WEEK'S VACANCIES.

ADDRESS.	SITUATION.	SALARY.	APPLICATION TO
Accident Hospital, Barrow-in-Furness.	Night Nurse.	£20.	Matron.
Accident Hospital, Barrow-in-Furness.	Probationer.	£16.	Matron.
Barnhill Hospital, Glasgow.	Trained Night Nurse.	£24.	Lady Superintendent.
Brompton Consumption Hospital, S.W.	Thoroughly Trained Nurses.		Lady Superintendent.
Cheltenham District Nursing Association.	Trained Nurse (lady).	£22 to £25.	Superintendent, Victoria Home.
Cheltenham District Nursing Association.	Certificated Midwife (lady).	£25 to £30.	Superintendent, Victoria Home.
Country District Nursing.	Trained Nurse (Med., Surgery, and Midwifery)	£75.	Miss Edwards, Byethorn, Corbridge-on-Tyne, R.S.O.
Denbighshire Infirmary, Denbigh.	Head Nurse, well trained, knowledge of Welsh.	£25.	House Surgeon, with recent testimonials.
District Nursing, &c.	Trained Nurses.	£45.	Lady Wimborne, 22, Arlington Street, W.
Eastbourne Princess Alice Memorial Hospital.	Matron, Trained Nurse, House-keeper, age 30-45.	£50.	Hon. Secretaries, Clarendon Chambers.
Institution of Trained Nurses, Leicester.	Four Nurses.		Miss Tanner, Nurses' Home, Aylestone Rd.
Ilkley Orphanage.	Experienced Matron.	£30 inclusive.	Mrs. Knight, The Pastures, Ilkley, Yorks.
Ilkley Orphanage.	Sub-Matron.	£18.	Mrs. Knight, The Pastures, Ilkley, Yorks.
Miller Hospital, Greenwich.	Staff Nurse.	£22.	Matron.
Parish Work.	Trained Nurse (Churchwoman).		Miss Norris, Shalford, Guildford.
Royal Surrey County Hospital, Greenwich.	Probationer.	£12.	Matron.
Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford.	Charge Nurse for Children's Ward (16 beds).	£18, rising.	Matron.

HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS, ETC., COMMUNICATED AND COLLECTED.

"THE Private Nursing branch, in which six highly-trained and competent Nurses are employed, while three others are undergoing training, has not been a financial success, there being a balance due to the Treasurer of £69 13s. 2d." We regret to hear this of the Burton Nursing Institution, and would suggest that instead of six Nurses, four should be employed until the Association begins to show favourable figures. "With regard to the Private Nursing branch, the chairman expressed his belief that it would eventually be self-supporting when it became more widely known that the services of well-trained Nurses could be secured at a cheaper rate than from other Nursing Institutions." We don't like this sentiment, Mr. Chairman; it savours of a unhealthy competition, which is invariably fatal.

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