

only comparatively speaking on a limited scale, to suit the town. We have many country Hospitals answering to the Cottage Hospitals at home, and I think a Nurse might do worse than take the Matronship of one. I feel sure a good Nurse would not find much difficulty in obtaining such an appointment. Only she must not expect to pick and choose. I am now looking out for such a post myself, and if successful, will tell my Nurse readers how I fare, and what they may expect if they will venture on coming out.

I must say I wish I could see a few more of our English Trained Nurses in Brisbane, just to show that they are to be respected and trusted.

There is another thing that a Nurse finds it difficult at first to choose, and that is her society. If she has friends and relatives so much the better for her, but if not she may have to lead a rather lonely life. For I would doubly warn a girl coming out about the Brisbane society on the whole. It is so mixed; the nice people keep to themselves very much, and one scarcely hears of them. I am not prejudiced on this point. Anyone who has been out any time at all will say quite the same. Indeed, I heard one lady say (she had been Sister at King's College Hospital, and was out on a visit to a friend, a Matron here) that she would not nurse in Brisbane for anything, the people were so peculiar.

A Nurse more particularly has to be careful, and she will often find it difficult to steer the right way, especially if she be young and good looking. I do not call the society here high-toned at all. We have, I am sorry to say, just lost one who lent a thoroughly good tone to society here, one whom all the Brisbane ladies deeply sympathised with in her sad bereavement. I mean our late governor's wife (Lady Musgrave). She always was foremost in any charitable work, and several of our Institutions are named after her.

There is one branch that is sadly in need of more workers—that is midwifery. No Nurse need fear not getting employment. We have very few really good Lady Nurses, and Brisbane would welcome numbers more, if trained and thoroughly competent. The remuneration is better for Nurses out here, but then her expenses are more. Board and lodging are more expensive; railway and other travelling also; then if she needs a holiday, she cannot make any of those enjoyable excursions that are so cheaply and easily to be had at home. If my readers care to hear from me again, I will send a paper now and again from this sunny clime—that is if Mr. Editor will keep a space for

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PHYSICIANS' RULE OF REVERSION.—Patients under a monument.

## NURSING ECHOES.

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I MENTIONED last week that the British Nurses' Association had taken Offices at Oxford Circus Avenue. I hear that already a scheme is on foot by which these may be made most practically useful to Nurses, for it seems that it is intended to keep one Register of vacant posts, and another of Members of the Association in search of employment; and the former will always be open during office hours to the inspection of Members. As more than half of the Matrons of large Provincial and London Hospitals have already joined the Association, I am not surprised to hear that the Secretary is constantly being applied to for suitable Nurses. The competition for posts that are advertised is now so keen, that it is more than probable that in future appointments will frequently be made by private inquiry, so as to save the trouble and excitement of public competition.

BUT beyond this, I am told that it is intended to make these Offices useful as a kind of Nursing Intelligence Department. Any Member of the Association desirous of information on any professional matter may now write to the Secretary, enclosing a stamped and addressed envelope for a reply, and the inquiries desired will be made and communicated to her. Judging by the extraordinary number of letters I receive from Nurses asking for advice or information, this new departure of the British Nurses' Association should be most practically useful. On all sides, therefore, we are beginning to see the good effects of united effort in Nursing matters. I hope Miss Wood will let us hear what her letter in these columns last week, about the proposed Nurses' Hotel, elicits from those best able to judge of the advantages of the scheme.

THERE is an American paper called *The Trained Nurse*, which has recently been inaugurated. With sweet simplicity, not wholly peculiar to Transatlantic periodicals, it has done us the honour to copy, word for word, the prospectus of this journal as its own production, and many extracts from articles from these pages, with equally little recognition or acknowledgment of their source. Its original articles are good and sparkling. What chiefly has interested me in the January number is the following letter, under the heading of "Protection":—"Dear Editor,—We are all aware, I think, of the great deal of harm done by imperfectly trained Nurses, or wholly untrained women,

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