

supplied. I heartily wish Miss Wood all success in her venture.

THE scale of charges is as follows—Separate bedroom, per night, one shilling and sixpence; curtained partition, per night, ninepence; breakfast or tea (plain), sixpence; breakfast or tea (with eggs or cold meat), ninepence; dinner, one shilling; supper, ninepence. Inclusive board by the week—separate bedroom, twenty-five shillings; curtained partition, fifteen shillings. These terms do not include stimulants.

THE regulations are thus given—Hours: breakfast, 8.10 a.m.; dinner, one p.m.; tea, five p.m.; supper, 9.30 p.m.; gas turned off at eleven p.m. If any inmate is not able to be present at the usual meals, will she oblige by mentioning the same to the manager in the morning? Inmates intending to be out later than ten p.m. will oblige by mentioning the same to the manager. Visitors by the day will oblige by giving notice of leaving before noon to the manager. Nurses will attend to their own bedrooms. Inmates requiring their meals to be served in their bedrooms will be charged extra.

THERE has been much talk, of course, lately about Wilkie Collins. I wonder if many Nurses remember what the great novelist thought of their calling only thirty years ago. In "The Woman in White," written, I believe, about 1859, he wrote *apropos* of the popular idea that fat people were always good natured, "I have asked whether hired Nurses, proverbially as cruel a set of women as are to be found in all England, are not for the most part also as fat a set of women as are to be found in all England?" I am glad to believe that Mr. Collins lived to recognise and personally appreciate, especially during these few last months, how immensely different hired Nurses are to-day from what they were only thirty years ago. But the words, and the fact that the writer was the intimate friend of Charles Dickens, who immortalised the type of Nurse he knew ten years earlier, are surely enough to show what wonderful advances have been made in the Nursing world in this short space of time.

I REFERRED lately to Mrs. Dundas's scheme for Village Nursing. A letter to the *Times*, signed "J. G.," written evidently from the point of view of a layman, points out several defects which greatly mar the proposal in professional eyes, and makes several shrewd suggestions. Amongst other things the writer says: "I cannot but think that there is great danger, for very many reasons, of multiplying associations for carrying on the same work; and I would venture humbly to sug-

gest to the promoters of this most excellent work, if they have not already done so, their seeking the aid and co-operation of the Queen's Jubilee Fund, which, subscribed by the women of England of every class of life, was, I feel sure, equally intended to benefit all, whether in town or village." S.G.

"NURSING RECORD" BENEVOLENT FUND.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

WE want to assist, by the united efforts of the readers of the *Nursing Record*, Trained Nurses who may be in need of temporary or permanent aid, and for this purpose donations, whether small or large, will be thankfully received, as the Fund has already many demands made upon it.

HELP WANTED HERE ALSO.

Mrs. Sarah Duyck, aged 48, is a widow, and has broken her leg so badly, that she will probably be a cripple for the rest of her life, besides dislocating one shoulder some years ago, so that she is even unable to use her crutches for long at a time.

Mrs. Duyck wishes to obtain an annuity of £20 a year from the British Home for Incurables. To do this at least 1,000 votes must be procured from subscribers to the Institution. Lists of subscribers can be obtained by sending eight stamps to the offices, 73, Cheapside, E.C.

Will every reader of this journal please do what she or he can to obtain votes for this sad case—to assist, in however small a measure, to bear another's burden? Such help will be gratefully welcomed by the Editor, *Nursing Record*, St. Dunstan's House, Fetter Lane, London, E.C., and all subscriptions, &c., will be duly acknowledged.

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

THE TYPIST.

TYPEWRITING is a new and rapidly-developing field of labour for women, and one wherein the well-educated lady who does not take kindly to the art of teaching may find profitable and more congenial employment; but a good education is absolutely necessary for this branch of women's work, for the typist must be well acquainted with the vagaries of her mother tongue as it is written; and those having a knowledge of foreign languages receive higher remuneration. There are several type-writing offices now in London. One of the best known is that of Miss Dickens (granddaughter of the famous novelist), situated in Wellington Street, Strand. Miss Dickens has been established about two years, and her business has rapidly increased and continues so to do, for

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