

upon the Fund. It will relieve her mind to hear that he had very good reasons for doing so, and has quite gained the object which he had in view; and if she ever gains any information herself upon the subject, she will doubtless heartily repent associating herself with persons who—whatever their protestations—lose no opportunity of vilifying her fellow-workers.

I AM exceedingly sorry to have received the following letter, as I had hoped that the "Illustrated Medical News" had, after all its hard struggling, managed to become a paying property, as its illustrations and matter were generally above the average; and, apart from these, the journal took more than a mere passing interest in Nursing matters.

"46, Queen Victoria Street,  
London, E.C.

"February 6, 1890.

"Sir,—I regret to inform you that, owing to various causes, the directors of the Illustrated Medical News Company, Limited, have decided to discontinue the publication of the 'Illustrated Medical News.' The number for the current week will, therefore, not appear.

"I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,

"JOHN T. GOULD, *Secretary.*"

THE Birmingham District Nursing Society has just held its annual meeting. A deficiency in receipts over expenditure of £9 13s. 7d. is shown, but, beyond this, the result of the year's work is particularly satisfactory to all concerned. The Home is now situated at 98, Newhall Street.

THE following, under the heading of "Nursing or Cooking," is from the *Daily Graphic*:—"Trained Nurses who are beginning, as many of them are, to regard £20, or at the outside £25, a year as inadequate wages, must look regretfully at the remuneration now offered to cooks. In a list of sixty-five 'situations vacant' recently, it was in no case less than £30 a year, and in several was £50, £55, and £60. It is exceedingly difficult to understand the present liking of young women of the artizan and small farmer class for Hospital employment. The hours are long, the food and accommodation by no means first-rate, the responsibilities enormous, and holidays fewer than in domestic service. A cook or housemaid is far more her own mistress with regard to the feminine joy in pretty dress, for the Nurse must wear an often ugly uniform, and there is even a tacit understanding that she must eschew 'the fringe.' The final badge of servitude, the cap, is imposed upon her, and bangles are strictly forbidden. A cook, on the other hand, who devotes one-sixth of the time and one-twentieth of the expenditure upon her training, can readily command twice or thrice the wages, ample liberty,

and the certainty of employ. Until domestic service comes into favour again with young women, the whole market of female labour will remain out of gear, and it is difficult to feel sympathy with those who prefer to starve in 'genteel occupations' to earning high pay in the honest, useful, and thoroughly womanly sphere of household helps."

THE Dundee Day Nurseries are evidently greatly appreciated, as I note that the admissions for December and January were:—At Isles Lane, 1,116, of which number 180 were under nine months old; and at Hillbank, 861, 101 being under nine months. During the same period 119 penny dinners were given at the former, and 81 at the latter place. I only wish that these very excellent institutions could be introduced generally into all the manufacturing towns throughout the country.

MISS WILSON is to be congratulated upon her report (the tenth annual one) just issued of the Workhouse Nursing Association, from which I gather that the total number of Probationers trained to nurse our sick poor is 108. The total number of Nurses appointed to various Infirmaries is 288. The number of applications received for Nurses is 342. Since 1884 the Hampstead Infirmary has been placed in the hands of the society, which has also since 1887 supplied all vacancies in the Nursing Staff at St. George's-in-the-East Infirmary. The requirements of country Unions differ from those of London Infirmaries, and the Association spends a large sum each year on the special training of Nurses for these country Hospitals. Funds are needed to carry on this important work.

MR. C. ALLEN PALMER (84, Fleet Street, E.C.) informs me that St. John Ambulance Association classes will be held, commencing Friday, 28th February, 1890, at the Church of England Young Men's Society, Leopold Rooms, 3, St. Bride Street, Ludgate Circus, E.C. Women's "First Aid" at 7.30 p.m.; Nursing, 8 p.m. He hopes that ladies will make use of these opportunities, as a great difficulty is experienced in getting together a sufficient number to enable classes to be formed.

I HAVE many other matters of interest in hand, but am compelled on account of pressure upon space to hold these over until next week.

S. G.

TEACHER: "Can you tell me what isle is the most noted for its great internal improvements?"  
Small Boy (triumphantly): "Castor ile."

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