

## IRELAND.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

*A Great Loss.*

THIS week I have to record, with regret, the loss of one of our noblest workers in the cause of the sick poor of Ireland.

Miss Jane Harrison Orr, who for the last seven years has devoted her life to district nursing round her home at Ballymena, Co. Antrim, was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, where she obtained her certificate. Though gifted with abilities such as might have won her a place among the *litterati* of her country, she felt so keenly the miserable condition of the poor, when laid aside by sickness, that she determined to devote her talents and energy to the task of lessening their sufferings by means of careful nursing. She and her Assistant Nurse have both fallen victims to that most terrible of all fevers, typhus fever, contracted while nursing a family of six persons in their own home.

I am loth to add a word of blame for those who must be feeling her loss keenly; still I cannot but ask, what have the sanitary officers been doing, that such cases were not removed from a crowded dwelling-house to a properly-ventilated fever Hospital? Doubtless such a woman as Miss Orr would reckon her life well

given, if thus *alone* attention could be called to the need of sanitary precautions; but what will the poor do without her, and who will fill her place?

Such a life as her's is a sermon without words, and more powerful for good than the most eloquent appeal. Such a death as her's is a trumpet-call to the younger members of our profession to follow where she has so nobly led, even though it be to fall like her on the battle-field.

Her funeral was largely attended by persons of all ranks and of different persuasions, who thus united in offering their last tribute of respect to one who had for so many years laboured among them.

*The Mercers' Hospital, Dublin.*

MISS MARY PARKE has been appointed Matron to Mercers' Hospital. Miss Parke was trained at the City of Dublin Hospital, and acted as Matron of the City of Dublin Nursing Institution, taking entire charge of the large Staff of Nurses in connection with it. She has also had the management for a time of a Private Hospital.

*The Rotunda Hospital, Dublin.*

THE Matronship of the Rotunda Hospital has been filled by the appointment of Miss Hampson, who has been a Sister at St. Thomas's Hospital, London. There were a large number of applicants, many of whom had very high qualifications.

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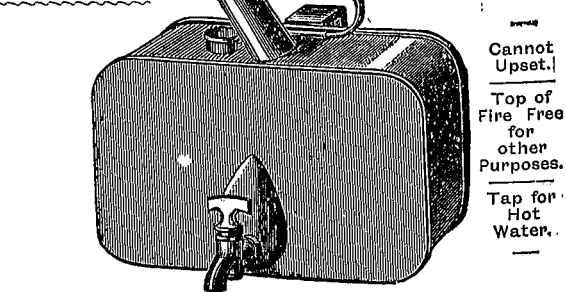
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