

that case this will be to them a very happy New Year's Day indeed."

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WHAT she *could*, I do not doubt, every Nurse has done for the comfort of her patients. As she *would*, is another question. In the future it is for the LORD PROVOST and the Committee to practice what they preach, and organise the work of the Nurses, so that their duties may be performed in an efficient and conscientious manner. There are many passages of Scripture it will be well for these gentlemen to bear in mind—notably, that bricks cannot be made without straw.

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WHEN all the particulars of the Census are out, it will probably be found that there are nearly twenty thousand women in the United Kingdom who earn their living by Nursing. The Nursing Staffs of the largest Hospitals in London number two hundred and fifty, and the Nursing Staff of the seven largest Hospitals reach a total of one thousand. There are one hundred and twenty-three Hospitals in London, besides the numerous Institutions which supply Private Nurses, of which several employ over one hundred women.

DR. ALICE KER, who holds the appointment of Hon. Medical Officer to the Wirral Hospital for Sick Children and to the Birkenhead Lying-in Hospital, has, at the request of the ladies who attended her lectures, published them, under the title of "Motherhood." The Hon. Secretary of the Manchester School of Domestic Economy has written an excellent preface to Dr. KER'S book, and I should advise all Nurses to procure this little book.

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THE second meeting of the R.B.N.A. took place on the 15th inst., at 20, Hanover Square, Mr. CLINTON DENT, of St. George's, being in the chair. A most interesting paper, on Infirmary Nursing, was read by Dr. HARRIS, the Medical Superintendent of St. Saviour's Infirmary, Dulwich. The meeting was small, owing doubtless to Nurses being at a premium just now, but it was representative—Miss HUGHES, of the Kensington Infirmary; Miss CATHERINE WOOD, and Miss WILSON, Secretary of the Workhouse Nursing Association, being present, and the discussion which followed upon the address was instructive, owing to the speakers all having large and varied experience of the question under discussion.

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