

late Night Superintendent, has been appointed Sister of Rahere Ward, Miss EMILIE WAIND to the charge of Stanley Ward, and Miss HARLAND as Sister of Radcliffe Ward. All these ladies have passed through a three years' course of training at St. Bartholomew's, and have been awarded a certificate.

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Miss CURTIS, who has also received a certificate after three years' training at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has been appointed Superintendent of the Trained Nurses' Home, Fitzwilliam Street, Cambridge. Miss CURTIS is to succeed Miss YOUNG who leaves to organise another branch of nursing work in Cambridge.

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THE Prizes, amounting to £20, for the dolls dressed in nursing uniforms, intended to being sent to the Chicago Exhibition, were awarded at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, on Monday, by the Nursing Sub-Committee, in connection with the Royal Commission. The prizes were awarded as follows:—

- 1st. Miss MACKAY and Nurses, the Throat Hospital, Golden Square, and Sister MARION RUMBALL, the London Homoeopathic Hospital, sent four dolls each of equal merit. They were therefore bracketed together, and each set was awarded £4.
- 2nd. Miss KATE COLLINS, Home Sister, St. Helena Home, sent four dolls. Prize £3.
- 3rd. Miss ROSE MITCHELL, St. Bartholomew's; Mrs. BRENTON, Victoria Hospital for Children; and Nurse BRIANT, the Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, three dolls each; £2.
- 4th. Miss HOGG and Sisters, Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar, four dolls; Sister MARK, Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, two dolls; Mrs. COSTER and Nurses, St. George's Hospital, three dolls; Miss CARTER, St. John's Hospital and Lying-in Home, St. John the Divine, three dolls; £1 each.

The following sets were highly commended:—

- A Matron and a Monthly Nurse, Miss KATE FENWICK, The Private Nursing Institution, Eastbourne, Miss ALLEE.
- Private Nurses' Uniform, Miss RYDER.
- Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Regent's Park, Miss RIDLEY.
- St. Marylebone Infirmary, Sister UDRIDGE.

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I HEAR that the work in connection with the Nursing Department for the World's Fair is being rapidly carried forward, and that Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK is receiving invaluable help from Mrs. LAKIN (*née* ALDER). There is little doubt, when public work has to be done, that our married Nurses are found to have not altogether "ruined their career."

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MESSRS. POWELL, of Tudor Street, Whitefriars, I am told, are manufacturing all the glass appliances

for surgical operations and sterilized dressings, according to Mrs. FENWICK'S designs. It is to be hoped some of these appliances will be shown by her before they cross the Atlantic.

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ONE very interesting section, I understand, will contain an exhibition of diet crockery for the sick, with all attendant necessaries for presenting food to a patient in the most appetising manner. This is a branch of Nursing carried to great perfection in America.

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I HEAR that a most interesting patent "air and hair" mattress combined, invented and patented by Miss FOX-HARDING, a Nurse, is to be sent from Sydney amongst the exhibits of the Australian women.

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AT a meeting at the house of Lord MEATH, Miss LOUISA TWINING has been urging the desirability of women inspectors in workhouse infirmaries. I fear this will be considered a most unpopular suggestion. The first thing to do is to appoint trained gentlewomen as Matrons. Where this has been done, the old abuses have ceased to exist.

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THE following excellent article appeared on November 21st, in the *Pall Mall Gazette*, and it will be generally felt that it is one of the clearest and best statements of the case which has appeared in any lay paper:—

"The battle of the Nurses, which has been raging for some years, reaches a crucial stage to-day. As every one knows, the Nursing profession has undergone a wonderful transformation in recent times; the old "Sarah Gamp" régime having gone never to return. But much still remains to be done, and the Royal British Nurses' Association, which has been in the vanguard of the fight, is now seeking for a Charter of Incorporation, so that it may be better equipped for the work of reform which has yet to be achieved. The Association was formed in 1887 in order to unite all qualified British Nurses in membership of a recognized profession, to provide for their registration on terms satisfactory to physicians and surgeons, as evidence of their having received systematic training, and to associate them for their mutual help and protection, and for the advancement in every way of their professional work. The experiment has been watched with great interest, not only by the medical profession of this and other countries, but by all those interested in women's work and co-operative labour movements generally. Although it has had to face influential opposition and keen criticism from quarters the least expected, the Association has made remarkable progress, and it has now on its roll more than two thousand eight hundred members. During the first two years of its existence all Nurses of good character were admitted to membership who could prove that they had been engaged for three years in attendance on the sick, but since that time the standard has been considerably raised, and for more than

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