

other women, one may always suspect his motives, and look for the cloven hoof, or hoofs. Here is one of the said hoofs showing itself in the "controlling male assistants." How unpleasant it must be to him to think there is a gracious woman on the throne to whom all her male as well as female citizens are subject !

No good woman is harmed by "sickening details" listened to in discharge of her duty, however greatly she may be saddened by them. What is so tremendously harmful is, that the causes of those same details, which BUMBLE appears to think it his peculiar prerogative to listen to, have not been adequately known or dealt with in the past.

THE appointment of "capable" women (the inverted commas are BUMBLE'S, not ours) will probably gather round the treatment of the wretched and habitually vicious, agencies and influences, which have been kept away from them in times past. It was quite a relief to read the frank manly utterances of a "relieving officer of twenty years' standing" in reply and in opposition to that of "A." Some of our parish Nurses would make splendid relieving officers.

OUR present Poor Law System is open to many objections, but its defects can be greatly exaggerated, or softened by the officials who serve under it. A very unpleasant story comes to us from Rugby, and is as follows:—

"A kindly policeman took a woman whom he had found lying out in the bitterly cold night air to the workhouse, but the surly master flatly refused her admittance. He continued obstinate even after a relieving officer's order for admission had been procured. His advice to the constable was "to lock the woman up." But as that was impossible, there being no charge against her, he left her at the workhouse gate. Earlier on the same evening the same surly official refused admission to two destitute men who had tramped from Birmingham—because, as he afterwards explained, he believed them capable of walking on to the next workhouse at Coventry.

ONE cannot help asking what is this man's behaviour to the inmates of the workhouse, if such is his conduct to outsiders? Workhouse Infirmary Nurses could probably tell us eloquent tales of the comfort, or the reverse, that is determined by the character of the master.

It is time that "sweeter manners" were the order of the day amongst us, and that poverty and helplessness were looked upon as entitling the poor and helpless to more manners, not less, on the part of more fortunate people, officials or otherwise.

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## Post-Card Examination.

WE are pleased to announce that in the forty-first of this series of examination questions:—

"How would you Nurse a case of Delirium Tremens?"

Mrs. C. SKENE KEITH, whose card we reproduce, has secured the prize of a book or books to the value of five shillings:—

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In nursing a case of Delirium Tremens a Nurse must use great tact & watch her patient carefully also humours him, & above all avoid contradicting him, as a Nurse can often get complete management by pretending to use their own ideas. A patient's worst time is generally the night & a great deal can be controlled by food at bed time. Sleep is most important, so quiet should be obtained. Tepid Sponging, & cold to the head is often ordered. Great care must be used to keep all articles that the patient might kick himself with away from him. When food is refused it may be necessary to use the Stomach Pump. But in all cases food must be given & be given in small quantities.

The following have gained "HONOURABLE MENTION:—

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