

the mattress exposed to the air for some hours; all surgical crockery and appliances washed and replaced in the surgical cupboard; the bed mackintoshes scrubbed with carbolic soap, thoroughly dried, and placed before an open window to dry. The maids will then enter the room, remove all rubbish, waste paper, &c., remove mats, carpets; cover furniture with dust-sheets, and with a long, rounded, hair broom sweep down the walls. The floor or oilcloth should then be scrubbed with carbolic soap; the furniture dusted, the inner parts wiped out with a carbolised duster, and outer part properly polished with Adam's cream; all crockery scoured; the porcelain fire-place washed and polished; all brass work polished; and doors and windows left wide open until the following day, when mats or carpets should be laid down, clean curtains and blinds put up, and the room dusted with scrupulous care.

The Nurse in charge of the room will then proceed to prepare it for the new patient, placing clean white paper in all drawers and cupboards, replacing flower vases, fans, &c., and making up the bed with entirely clean blankets, sheets and coverlet. In winter she will be careful to light a fire in time to secure that the temperature of the room shall be 65°, making everything dainty and home-like for the reception of the patient. The success in the management of a Home Hospital, like everything else in life, depends upon the conscientious attention to detail, and cannot be attained without the inevitable drudgery, which few of us like, and still fewer appreciate at its true value.

Appointments.

MISS AMY FLORENCE KERR has been appointed the Assistant Matron and Superintendent of Nursing to the Lambeth Infirmary, and it is with sincere pleasure that we congratulate her upon her appointment. Miss Amy Florence Kerr was trained and certificated at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, entering as a Probationer in April, 1886. She successively filled the position of Nurse and Sister for six years, and in 1892 she was appointed Lady Superintendent of the Nursing Association at Oldham, which post she now leaves to fill her new position at Lambeth. Miss Kerr is also an experienced lecturer on Hygiene and Sick Nursing, having held the position of lady lecturer to the Lees Co-operative Society, the Technical Department of the Oldham School and to large private classes. We recognise in the selection of Miss Kerr, with her thorough training and extensive experience in Nursing, by the Guardians of the parish of Lambeth, a most hopeful sign of progress, and congratulate those gentlemen upon the appreciation of a high standard of experience and efficiency which they have exhibited, in the official whom they have just appointed. We hope their example may be followed by Guardians of the Poor all over the kingdom.

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SIR EDWIN ARNOLD distributed the prizes at St. Thomas's Hospital on Wednesday, and afterwards delivered an address to the students. It possessed public interest on many grounds. For instance, after dwelling upon the beneficent changes effected by the training and employment of the professional female Nurse, he "recalled from unprinted oblivion" the following verses of his own, addressed to Miss Florence Nightingale, and written at the time of the Crimean War:—

If on this verse of mine
Those eyes shall ever shine
Whereto sore wounded men have looked for life,
Think not that for a rhyme,
Nor yet to suit the time,
I name thy name best victress in the strife.
But let it serve to say
That when we kneel and pray,
Prayers rise for thee thine ears can never know;
And that thy gentle deed
For heaven and for our need
Is in our hearts as deep as love can go.
'Tis good that thy name springs
From two of earth's fair things—
A stately city and a sweet-voiced bird;
'Tis well that in all homes
Where thy kind story comes,
And brave eyes fill that pleasant sounds be heard.
Oh, voice! in night of fear,
Like night's birds—sweet to hear;
Oh, strong heart! set like a city on a hill;
Ah, watcher! worn and pale,
Dear Florence Nightingale,
We give thee thanks for thy good work and will.
England is glad of thee;
Christ, for thy charity,
Take thee to joy when heart and hand are still.

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THE meeting of the Executive Committee of the Registered Nurses' Society took place at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, on Tuesday, the 8th inst. Members were elected, and candidates selected on probation, and a most satisfactory report presented—the average receipts from fees having doubled themselves since the same period last year.

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At a meeting of the Whitehaven District Nurse Committee held at the Infirmary, the Countess

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