

Perhaps the only way to retain her services was to secure those of her intended. About this there was apparently no difficulty. He is employed as a Nurse at another public Institution, and presumably admirably suited for one of the vacant positions under the Hull Board. The Governor's suggestion was that the Board should give him the appointment, and thus assist him in his matrimonial intentions, and retain to themselves the services of their valued Nurse.

But this brilliant idea did not commend itself to the rest of the Board. Much "chaffing" ensued, and then the Governor seemed to repent him of his action as a marriage maker, and he said: On previous occasions they had had trouble about appointing Nurses, and the next time they had to deal with the matter he hoped they would put the deputy in the chair, as he "was sick of it." The end of a long quarrel was that the Board resolved to advertise for a married couple and a female Nurse. So the marriage may come off, but the happy bridegroom will not secure at the same time a wife and a situation!

THE Ayr Sick Poor Nursing Association, in consequence of increased success and the value in which their Nurse, Miss M'Callum, is held, has decided to appoint a second Nurse for work among the poor. Dr. Naismith, in speaking of the work of District Nurses, explained how complex and manifold are their duties—among other things that the Nurse had to teach sick cookery to people who thought that the be-all and end-all of invalid dietary was "tea, broth and bacon."

A NEW footwarmer for use in ambulance work has been invented by Mr. Gillespie, assistant station master at Princes Street, Edinburgh. It is made of aluminium, is very light, and can quickly be filled with hot water from an engine, and attached by straps to the stretcher.

VISITORS to the Upper Engadine may be interested to know that at Samaden there is a very well-arranged, comfortable Hospital. Although primarily intended for Engadiners, other patients of various nationalities are also received. There are very cosy private rooms, some with one, others with two beds, for which the rates are from eight to ten francs per day, exclusive of medicine, stimulants and personal washing. The Nursing is in the hands of trained Deaconesses from the Central Institute in Berne, whose 400 members are to be found in all parts of Switzerland, and who are well spoken of for skill and kindness.

The Hospital is built on the newest principles, and is fortunate in being under the direction of Dr. Bernhardt, who is a skilful surgeon and a kind-hearted man. He has also the advantage of speaking English and being acquainted with the English constitution and temperament. The house is well situated, just outside Samaden, and is a perfect suntrap. Patients can enjoy the lovely mountain and lake views from their beds, and when approaching convalescence, can spend the whole day on the sheltered verandah.

There is no doubt that a sojourn here is more conducive to rapid recovery than a lengthened period spent in a crowded hotel, with the very limited attendance and unsuitable cooking and other arrangements which it offers to the invalid. There are about forty beds, and in the general wards Engadiners are received; the parish patients being paid for at the low rate of 2 francs 50 centimes per day.

THERE seems strong reason for believing that, during the first few hours of a child's life, its sensibilities are considerably lessened. Recently a doctor, having been detained for the night at a patient's house in the country, determined to embrace this early opportunity of operating for hare-lip on the baby, born a few hours previously. To his surprise the infant did not wake from its sleep (which, as usual, followed its first bath), and showed no sign whatever of pain. This points to the advisability of the early performance of any such necessary operation, as circumcision, the removal of superfluous fingers and toes, &c.

DOCTOR MARCEL BAUDOUM, a distinguished Paris practitioner, who was appointed by his Government as Commissioner to the World's Fair to report on Medicine and Surgery in the United States, has made a long and elaborate report, which, printed by order of the Minister of Commerce, has been recently published.

He seems to have been more impressed by the American Nurses than by anything else. In speaking of the Johns Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore, he says:—

"At this Hospital the Nurses number sixty. I was greatly impressed by their regard for the patients, the perfection of their manners, their goodness, professional knowledge, neat uniforms and irreproachable bearing. Never till now have I fully understood the

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