

THE Sevenoaks Board of Guardians have appointed a married pauper inmate to fill the place of one of their Nurses, recently resigned, and have added to her duties as Nurse, the "superintendence of the laundry." She receives a salary of £12 a year and the privilege of her children remaining "in the House."

THE Matron of the Newcastle Royal Infirmary has been appealing to the public for articles of furniture wherewith to adorn the new Nurses' Home. She suggests that at this season of universal spring-cleaning many articles of discarded furniture might with advantage be sent to the Nurses' Home. We hope nobody will send anything that is not nice and fresh and pretty. Nurses badly need artistic and cultivated surroundings when they are "off duty" from the depressing effect of the wards.

In so rich a town as Newcastle there should be no difficulty in obtaining sufficient money to allow of the Nurses' Home being properly equipped with nice new furniture. It is decidedly hard that they should have only second-hand. It has not hitherto been easy for the Matron to gain sufficient scope for the efficient nursing of this Infirmary. But now that nursing matters are beginning to be more generally understood, it may perhaps be easier to obtain reforms than in the past.

SOME of the Nurses of the Liverpool Ladies' Charity and Lying-in Hospital are beginning to feel somewhat anxious as to their position. They have entered the Hospital, and paid their premiums with the definite idea of passing an examination and getting certificates as Midwives. But with no medical staff to lecture to them or give them instruction, how are they to qualify?

MRS. TREACY, the Lady Superintendent of the City of Dublin Nursing Institution, has been presented by the Nurses of the Home with a beautiful solid silver *tête-à-tête* tea and coffee service, together with a vignette portrait of herself in water colours, done by one of the nursing staff, and an illuminated address.

AT St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, regular probationers pay an entrance fee of £10, and at the end of a year's training in the wards go up for examination before the Medical Board, after which they sign an agreement to serve the Institution for two more years, at the conclusion of which term they receive a certificate of qualification, which entitles them to seek employment elsewhere, or to enter upon private practice as competent Nurses.

The Hospital is under the care of Roman Catholic Sisters, and the Superioress holds the power of instant dismissal in the case of any neglect of duty or fault in personal conduct. We should be very unwilling, in our English Hospitals—and indeed it is opposed to our love of fair play—to allow so much power to be vested in a matron without any power of appeal from her authority.

The Nurses of this Hospital are expected, when off duty in the wards, to willingly assist in any needlework they are required to do—a rule which must press somewhat hardly on them. In fact, most Nurses would prefer to remain in their wards rather than to gain a nominal "off-duty" which in reality implies a change of work.

One of the Nurses trained at this Hospital is Miss Wheble, daughter of Lady Wheble, and she has already entered upon active work on her own account, and opened a convalescent home in Scotland, acting herself as its superintendent.

The present Superioress, Mrs. Cullen, is a niece of the late Cardinal, and a woman of very great administrative power. Miss Campbell, the Nursing Superintendent, is, we understand, a Scotch lady, who qualified at the Edinburgh Infirmary, one of the leading schools of the day in all matters of medical science and teaching.

A DOCTOR recently in a lecture to third-year Nurses said: "Never scratch off strapping with your nails." We wonder if he had ever seen a trained Nurse doing such a thing! It would seem so, or he would not have uttered the warning.

A CURIOUS and interesting story comes from Virginia, U.S.A., on the question of the contagiousness of cancer. It seems that at St. Mary's Hospital a man named Keegan was a patient in the same ward with P. Connors, who died about eighteen months ago of cancer in the face. A short time prior to the latter's death, Keegan, while shaving himself, gashed his right cheek, and wiped the razor on a towel used previously by Connors. A few weeks later a cancerous growth appeared on Keegan's face, and this caused his death.

The medical staff at St. Mary's have issued stringent regulations on the subject of the towels of cancer patients. It is of the utmost importance that Nurses should see that the towel of one patient is never used by another.

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