

condition favoured the spread of filth diseases, such as enteric fever and diarrhoea." In the report made to the Local Government Board, Dr. Bruce Low has given a very graphic and realistic account of the intoxicated caretaker and his wife.

It is time the Local Government Board interfered to enlighten the urban and suburban mind, which is too apt to think that any building which has fallen into disuse and disrepair can be patched up into an Isolation Hospital.

A REMARKABLE "Faith cure" is reported from the Infirmary Workhouse at Ormskirk, where a patient named Pritchard, who had been hopelessly ill for more than three years, was miraculously cured by bathing in the Holy Well of St. Winefride. It is related—after being thoroughly roused by thrilling stories about the well and the miracles wrought by St. Winefride—that "when he stepped into the well he felt a thrill of joy rush through all his frame, and he was cured." Since then he has remained in good health, and is gaining in weight. This story is on a par with some of the cures of Lourdes, as related by Zola. No doubt many Workhouse Infirmaries would be delighted if their "chronics" could be so easily impressed and restored as was Mr. Pritchard!

"WELSH Nurses for Wales" is the decision of the Merthyr Tydvil Board of Guardians, who, finding a difficulty in obtaining suitable, well-trained Nurses with a knowledge of Welsh, have determined to train their own Probationers. It is an excellent step, as Welsh women ought to have every opportunity afforded them of training in their own Hospitals. We only hope a thorough and comprehensive curriculum will be insisted upon.

It is very satisfactory to note that at the North Infirmary in Cork the long needed provision for the training of Roman Catholic nurses has been made. Seventeen probationers are at present undergoing their training, and in addition to the usual instruction are given daily lectures on professional subjects.

THE Minister of War for France has issued an order that in future the Army Hospital orderlies shall all be taught massage. The course of instruction will be six weeks.

WE learn from the *Daily Telegraph* that "Hospital nursing is becoming a fashionable craze in Paris." If this be so, we are sorry for the patients and the regular nursing staffs of the hospitals. Nursing which is taken up as a "fashionable craze" is unproductive and unsatisfactory.

IN the Report of the Universities Mission to Central Africa, Miss Breay writes that "the training of native Nurses must always be an object which lies near the hearts of those interested in nursing in Africa. So far, the boys who have been trained in the men's wards have certainly done better than the girls; but this is largely owing to the fact that the training ground for them is much better. Given the same advantages in this way, it is probable that the girls would do just as well. Africans seem to have a natural nicety of touch and a quiet, gentle manner, which, it will be admitted, count for much as nursing qualifications. Against this, they have a great dislike of the more disagreeable duties of nursing, and their sense of responsibility is for the most part latent; but still one could not expect to make perfect Nurses out of boys and girls of 17."

A NEW YORK Nurse writes:—"We had an interesting case brought to the Hospital last night from the city gaol. It seems a man was arrested last Wednesday night and arraigned before the magistrate the next morning, charged with intoxication. He looked weak and broken up, but it was thought it was from the effects of the drink it was presumed he had taken. He was sent to jail in default of 5 dols. fine. There he appeared very ill, but it was not until Friday night that his condition was considered serious, and a Commissioner was notified and had the man removed to the Hospital. A culture was taken from his throat, and he was found to be suffering from an aggravated form of malignant diphtheria. He refuses to tell his name or where he came from, both of which the Health Department is desirous of knowing in order to trace the disease. Several prisoners with whom he came in contact had been liberated, and a great hunt is being made in the city for them.

It is so very instructive for Nurses to come across an instance of this kind that I thought I would write to you. Our medical staff here could not recall a single instance where a diphtheritic patient had been diagnosed drunk by competent people. Many illnesses present the symptoms of alcoholic excess, but I think it is quite new to find that diphtheria may simulate drunkenness."

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