

that the Matron had sixty women to deal with, which was a difficult task; some of the members found it difficult to manage one. (Laughter.) Whereupon the Rev. Mr. Hare, somewhat heatedly, begged the Reverend Father not to jibe at the married clergy. Is it to be wondered at that discipline is somewhat at a discount in the estimation of these gentlemen.

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THE Holborn Guardians have decided to grant their Nurses £2 a year more salary, instead of giving it as heretofore as an allowance for beer.

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IN an article in the *Echo*, on the evolution of the Nurse, we are told that "There are two classes of Nurses, the District and the Hospital. Of the two classes of Nurses the Hospital Nurse is, as a rule, the less experienced." This is somewhat of a wide statement, and evidently emanates from the lay mind.

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BUT the whole of the article is so appreciative of Nurses that there is hardly room for criticism. The writer says—"When a District Nurse attends a patient who can afford to pay for the privilege, the Association to which she is attached receives a moderate fee for her services, but it is pleasant to know that even the very poor are not ungrateful. Miss Barff is fond of telling how on one Christmas morning she received three halfpennies wrapped in newspaper from an old bedridden Irishwoman, who, hearing that the Home was in want of funds, sent her love and all the money she had in the world."

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THERE is a pathetic protest in the *London Hospital Gazette*, against the spring cleaning in the wards. "Why is it," says the writer, "that the House men wear a worried look, the Sisters look angry and ill, and the Nurses knock up at a heavy rate each week in May?—one answer suffices—'spring cleaning.'"

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"It is said," he continues, "that in the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love," and we could add "a woman's and Hospital authorities' to spring cleaning." And he then descants on "the rubbing of sticky substances on chairs and bannisters," and sets the problem that has puzzled many clever brains, "Is it right to do evil that good may come?"

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AT the Exhibition of East London Trades, Industries and Arts, at the People's Palace, which the Prince of Wales opened on June 6th, two Nursing Lectures will be given weekly for the three months the Exhibition remains open.

THE Coventry Board of Guardians, on the suggestion of Mr. Kirk, decided to consult the Medical Officer of the Infirmary as to the advisability, for educational purposes, of sending the Nursing staff to visit the Nursing Exhibition at St. Martin's. Up to going to press we have not heard the decision arrived at, but we congratulate the Board on their progressive views as to the needs of their Nurses, and their readiness to encourage a high standard of education for them.

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THE Bishop of St. Asaph, speaking recently at a District Nursing Meeting, said:—"In the toil-worn throng of modern life there is no nobler figure than that of the ministering angel, ready, like the physician, to take her place at the bedside of sickness at a moment's notice." A Nurse who was present remarked "that she would be grateful if the public had less of the 'angel' and more of the human theory with regard to Nurses, so that their industrial conditions could be improved. You see," she concluded, "angels don't want rest, food, amusement, or any sick fund or pension for old age. Human Nurses do."

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WE receive so many complaints that Nurses in uniform figure in tableaux arranged in connection with torch-light and street processions for Hospital Saturday, that we take the opportunity of expressing a hope that no *bonâ fide* and trained Nurses will take part in such unprofessional demonstrations. We think in the majority of these cases the "Nurses" are "dressed up" and masquerading in the garb of an honourable profession. The Nurses' uniform *should* be the emblem of good and useful work well done, but unfortunately it has been adopted by "all sorts and conditions of women."

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IT is a good axiom that before you settle a bill you should know what you are paying for. The Bournemouth Town Council appears to be very indefinite with regard to their Nurses' drapery accounts.

The Finance Committee recommended for payment a sum of £3 7s. 6d. to Messrs. Lampard and Co., drapers, and Mr. Stockley said that the committee had discussed the item of the account, which included material such as so many yards of "zephyr," &c.—Mr. Tuson said there was no limit to the Nurses getting things and sending the account to the Finance Committee.—Mr. Gunning thought the Sanitary Committee the most extravagant of all. They agreed to find uniforms, but could not be expected to find out-door dresses and also nightdresses (laughter).—Mr. Lawson: In-door or out-door nightdresses? (laughter).—Mr. Gunning, in reply, said he did not know but they had to pay for them.

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