

report of an interesting episode at the defence of Fort Gulistan. He speaks of the part taken by Major Des Vœux's children:—

"One of them, a six-year-old daughter, told the story in her own way. She said: 'A horrid man crept up to burn the hedge. Daddy would not shoot till the hedge was burning, and the man was creeping back again, then he shot him dead.'

"The little lady" (we should describe her as a little "New Woman") "was not averse to criticising the operations. She said: 'I think Daddy should have shot him first.' She and a still smaller brother were with great difficulty kept back from the ramparts when the fight was going on. Only by the incessant attention of their nurse were they kept in a place of comparative safety.

"Of this same nurse, Miss Teresa M'Grath, the officers and men cannot speak too highly, all of them expressing their gratitude to her for her devotion to Lieutenant Blair when he was struck down, and her total disregard of the flying bullets when she was ministering to him."

We have not seen any mention of this heroine's conduct in the official despatches.

A DESPATCH from Thermopylæ states that his Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Greece is suffering from an attack of fever, and that Prince Nicholas has also been ill from the same cause, but is now recovered. Disease, particularly fever, has lately been very prevalent among the troops at Lamia and other neighbouring towns. We regret that this additional anxiety of her husband's illness should have been added to the trials which have been endured with such heroic courage by the Crown Princess.

A MEETING of the S. John's House Debating Society was held on Thursday, September 23rd, when a paper was read, and discussed upon, "Up-to-date Surgery." The following synopsis for 1898 has been issued:—

- 1 Jan. 13, Scheme for a Sick Club for Nurses.
  - 2 Feb. 3, Practical Notes on nursing Operations.
  - 3 Feb. 24, Daily Visits—for and against.
  - 4 Mar. 17, The Progress of Nursing during the last fifty years.
  - 5 April 21, Antitoxin Treatment—for and against.
  - 6 May 12, Matrimony—for and against.
  - 7 June 2, How are the difficulties of nursing the Middle Classes to be met?
  - 8 July 23, Nursing of Diseases of the Heart.
  - 9 Sept. 22, Advantages and disadvantages of indoor and outdoor uniform.
  - 10 Oct. 13, Nursing of Diseases of the Liver.
  - 11 Nov. 3, Characteristic differences of Nursing in Zanzibar and Ceylon.
  - 12 Nov. 24, How to nurse Paralysis.
- Social evenings will be held in May and November.

By the kind permission of the Hospital Committee, a pleasant meeting was held at the London Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road, on

Wednesday, September 15th, when Miss Orme was "At Home" to the members and friends of the Nurses' National Total Abstinence League, many of whom gladly availed themselves of so favourable an opportunity for visiting the institution. The Board of Management was represented by the Hon. Conrad Dillon, who gave an earnest, practical address, and by T. Vesey Strong, Esq., who, on behalf of the Board, very cordially welcomed the members of the Nurses' League, referring to their visit as worthy of special note, it being the first occasion on which the hospital had welcomed a number of ladies engaged in the nursing profession, and banded together as temperance workers. He hoped that the hospital would compare favourably with the larger and more general ones. Miss Orme and Mrs. Finlay, Vice-Presidents of the League, briefly addressed the meeting, and gave messages of regret at their unavoidable absence from the President, the Hon. Mrs. Eliot Yorke, Mrs. Norman Kerr, Vice-President Lady Elizabeth Biddulph, and Mrs. W. S. Caine. Among those present were The Lady Griselda Ogilvie, Mrs. and the Misses Whittaker, Miss Ashworth, Miss Willans, and Miss A. F. Copeland, etc., etc. Several members joined the League. The visitors were conducted over the hospital by Miss Orme, Mr. T. V. Strong, and Mr. A. W. Bodger, Secretary, who explained many of the delicate surgical appliances, glass furniture, and other novel antiseptic arrangements. The guests expressed their delight at the beautiful arrangements in the wards, and generally, throughout the hospital.

At a recent meeting of the Poplar Sick Asylum Board, a letter was read from Nurse Stokes, asking for another testimonial, as the one given her on leaving would not enable her to get a situation. A long and warm discussion ensued upon the subject, as the nurse had resigned, practically, it was stated, to save herself from dismissal. It transpired, in the course of the discussion, that the nurse, who had listened to statements from a patient concerning Nurse Stokes, and had reported the same, had run away, and the patient himself had taken his discharge. Are we to understand from this report that the resignation of Nurse Stokes was asked for, without an investigation into her alleged misconduct, and without an opportunity being given to her to state her side of the question? If so, we must say that we consider that the Poplar Sick Asylum Board conduct their business, and treat their nurses, in a most extraordinary, and, we should be glad to think, unprecedent manner.

THE Asylum Echoes to be found in *Asylum News* this month afford amusing and instructive reading. Mr. Walshe, Manager of the Male Nurses' Temperance Co-operation, addresses a letter to the

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