

discharge of their duty. One of these nurses is now practically convalescent, but the other is at present very seriously ill.

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ALL those English nurses who were privileged to work in Athens with the Crown Princess of Greece, during the late distressing war, will be interested to learn that Her Royal Highness is deeply interested in organizing a scheme for more efficient nursing in the military hospitals in Greece. Of course such an important reform can only be accomplished by degrees, and it is proposed that the good work shall be initiated in the large Military Hospital, in Athens.

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How greatly an improvement is needed, only those who worked in this institution can realize, and the lady selected to superintend the new system of nursing will need much patience and sympathy—in addition to her knowledge of scientific nursing—in the work is to succeed. But that success is ultimately sure can easily be realized by those who had care of the wounded Greek soldiers; their keen intelligence, gentleness, adaptiveness and gratitude are four characteristics which made them quickly appreciative of what is for their comfort and well being, and we would wish the lower-class Britisher possessed half their innate refinement and sense of decency where women are concerned. One must travel to learn that gross feeding means gross living; and we have not yet forgotten our sense of shame that the only drunken man we met in Greece, and by whom we were publicly claimed as a compatriot, was a British blue-jacket!

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THE funds collected in Hull for the commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee, which amount to upwards of £3000, are to be devoted to founding a home for nurses for the poor. It is hoped that a definite scheme for the application of the funds will shortly be prepared.

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THE Honiton Board of Guardians have found that their advertisement for an assistant nurse, to whom they offered a salary of £15 per annum, met with no response from members of the nursing profession. One nurse wrote to say that she was willing to accept the post at a salary of £20 per annum, and it was proposed that the salary offered should be raised to this amount. One guardian was of opinion that it was "only a fad of the Local Government Board to desire the guardians to have a trained assistant nurse, and thus raise salaries." We wonder if this gentleman would consider it a "fad," on the part of those responsible, to secure the services of a person who knew something about the duties she was undertaking if he were ill himself.

We wonder also what man would be contented to work for the same number of hours as this assistant nurse will have to do, even for the noble sum of £20 per annum. We are glad that the resolution that the salary of the assistant nurse should be raised to this amount was carried.

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IT has been decided to establish a Nurses' Institute in connection with the Blackpool Victoria Hospital. It is hoped by this means to establish a well organized nursing home, so that the services of private nurses will be available to the townspeople. It is also desired, to have an invalids' appliance department, from which the public, for a definite fee can obtain, on loan, such appliances as are not usually to be found in private houses. This scheme, if carried out, should prove most useful. We hope that arrangements of the private nursing home will be based on principles equitable to the nurses, that is to say, that the Institution will make no profit out of the nurses, but that, after a small percentage has been deducted to cover office expenses, they will take their own fees. As this is assuredly the system which will uniformly prevail in the future, we hope that all newly organized nursing institutions will be formed on these lines.

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THE town of Burnham in Somersetshire is about to begin a District Nursing Association, and we are glad to observe that the Committee has wisely decided that only nurses who have received three years' training are eligible for the post of nurse in connection with this. In starting a new Association it is all important that the basis should be a sound one, and, as the Select Committee of the House of Lords has laid down the principle, as the result of an exhaustive inquiry, that three years is the least period in which a nurse can be considered trained, this must now be considered the standard. We would point out to the Committee, however, that the salary they offer will scarcely attract the best class of nurses, and we venture to suggest for their consideration that it is scarcely possible for a nurse to board, lodge, clothe and feed herself, even with the greatest economy, on less than £100 per annum.

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WE are glad to hear that a Nursing Association has been formed at Treslothan in Cornwall, which will be associated with the County Nursing Association formed in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. A point which we notice with satisfaction with regard to the local committee, is that it is proposed that it shall be composed entirely of ladies, with the co-operation of two medical men. The committee will have the management of the finances, while the nurse will take her professional instructions

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