

that, we think "she'll do," from a ward sister, is rather high praise! "Blighted buds" are another class of nurses who are not appreciated by the chairman of the London Hospital, though he admits that, given the mainsprings of sympathy and unselfishness, even the "blighted bud" may turn into a flower bringing happiness to all ("but the engagement ring must first be sold," we are told, "and the proceeds given to the poor").

Nurses will do well to read and ponder over Mr. Holland's amusing description of "Miss Slapdash," who, after various escapades during the day in the way of breaking thermometers, burning the bottom out of the kettle, leaving the medicine glass on the locker to be knocked over, and keeping the gas turned full on in the lavatory, sits down at the end of the day, and writes a long letter to her mother on temperature charts and other hospital forms, telling her what a stingy sister she is under. The lesson underlying this graphic sketch is a much needed one, and we believe that the duty of a conscientious care of hospital property is one which needs to be constantly instilled.

We entirely agree with Mr. Holland in his condemnation of the nurse who arrives at her case in a shirt and sailor hat, with a bicycle on the cab. His advice to private nurses to conciliate the "old servant" by asking her advice, adding "there is no need to follow it," is also admirable. The education of the "London" Nurses is not considered by their chairman complete until they can make a doll out of a pocket-handkerchief, and boats and frogs out of paper. They are also counselled not to call their patients "dear," not to wear jewellery, or to use scent. Mr. Holland thinks it high time that the railways companies started "scent carriages" as well as "smoking carriages." Finally, he asks the nurses to regard him "not merely as the man who got them big sleeves to their uniform dresses, but as a friend and fellow-worker."

After reading these lectures, we are inclined to think that whether the "London" possesses ideal nurses or no, it come somewhere very near having an ideal chairman. We hope that in the future Mr. Holland will address his remarks to a wider circle, for we are sure that he has much to say that it would benefit the whole nursing profession to hear.

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### Appointment.

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MISS EVA BECK has been appointed Superintendent Nurse of the Kingston-upon-Hull Workhouse Infirmary. Miss Beck was trained at the Workhouse Infirmary, Birmingham, and has been a member of the nursing staff of that institution for the past five years.

### A Wise Example.

NURSES are required for an increase of the private staff of Her Royal Highness Princess Christian's Nurses' Institute at Windsor. We are much interested to observe that, in advertising for maternity and mental nurses, it is required that they shall "have general training in addition." We congratulate Her Royal Highness upon thus demanding an efficient standard of general nursing knowledge in those nurses to whom she entrusts the care of special cases, and we sincerely hope that this is an intimation upon the part of our Royal President, that the suggestion to place asylum attendants, without hospital training, on the Register of Trained Nurses, has been abandoned.

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### A National Work.

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HER Royal Highness, the Duchess of Sparta, Crown Princess of Greece, has requested Mrs. Bedford Fenwick to select for the École Militaire at Athens, a Superintendent Sister and two nursing sisters, to organize the nursing department of this great military hospital. This is an honour which English nurses will appreciate. In the first place, the work of the organization of nursing in a Greek Hospital under trained supervision is a new departure, and of national and far-reaching importance, and, in the second place, the action of Her Royal Highness in entrusting this important work to British nurses, is an expression of confidence, which we are glad to believe is a well-merited recognition of the good work done by them in the late war, which came under the personal observation of the Crown Princess. As nurses of many nations—French, German, Dutch, Swedish, Russian, and others—took part in that work, the compliment to the English nurses is the greater.

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### Badges.

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THE Committee of the Registered Nurses' Society have under consideration a new brassard for their members, in red and white, which will be made of washing materials for ordinary wear, and in silk for full dress. It is very necessary for the members of this Society to wear their distinctive badges, as a few late members, who, with Miss Etta Jackson, opened a co-operation a few yards from the Society's office, have copied almost identically the Registered Nurses' uniform, with their rules and regulations. It is not surprising that such acquisitiveness should be a distinctive characteristic of a "Chartered Co."

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