

profession. At a recent meeting of the Royal Derby and Derbyshire Nursing and Sanitary Association, the Rev. J. Howell said he could not speak too highly or too gratefully of the work carried out in his own parish by a nurse trained under the institution. Through the generosity of the trustees of a certain charity in connection with All Saints' Church, they had been able to have a nurse in the parish for a number of years, and he could quote many instances of the most pathetic gratitude displayed for the work done by their excellent nurse. If his congregation were to offer him a second curate in lieu of a nurse, he would very much prefer keeping the nurse, and doing without the curate.

THE first report of the Clevedon District Nursing Association states that "For some time past the need of a district nurse had been keenly felt by those interested in the working classes of Clevedon. A meeting to discuss this project having been called by Lady Elton, a Committee was formed, and it was resolved to put the scheme before the inhabitants of Clevedon and ask for support. In a very short time, subscriptions and donations to the amount of £103 3s. 4d. were promised. A nurse holding the required certificates was engaged, who began her duties on November 27th, 1897. Her work has been much appreciated by all those whom she has nursed, and by the medical men who have sent for her to attend their cases. The duties of a district nurse are not confined only to the actual nursing of the sick, but to teaching those whom she visits how to do such things for themselves, and how to help others in time of need. This has always been considered a very important part of the work. The doctors have also been enabled to discharge patients sooner from the Hospital, as the treatment may be carried on under doctor and nurse's superintendence at home." There seems, therefore, to be every prospect of a useful career before the new Association.

An interesting ceremony took place at Sutton-upon-Trent last week, when the Lord Mayor of Manchester (Mr. Alderman Gibson) visited the village to unveil a memorial of the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen, and also opened the Nurses' Home in connection with the Nursing Institution. The occasion was especially interesting, as Sutton is the native place of the Lord Mayor of Manchester, who, in the course of his remarks, said that the whirligig of time brought round strange things, and, in his experience, not the least strange was that he who ran about those streets sixty years ago should now find himself the Chief Magistrate and Lord Mayor of the second city of the Empire. The secret of his success in life was, he said, the simplest thing in the world—he

always did what he had to do in the very best way he could. Nobody had brighter boots than he when he cleaned them himself, and in later years he had always insisted upon having his work done in the same thorough fashion. He was a very poor worker who needed to be told to do his best.

THE foregoing remarks are but the latest proof of the truth of the theory that "genius is an infinite capacity for taking pains." Nurses, more perhaps than any other class of workers, will recognise that if they are to attain perfection in their profession, it must be along the path of drudgery, and by thoroughness, and constant attention to detail in all their work.

It would seem that the need for doctors and nurses for the plague patients in India is not yet over, for we understand that the Bengal Government have applied to Bombay for the services of twenty-five special plague nurses, and for the same number of medical officers.

GENERAL H. J. HALLOWES, the commanding Officer of the British Troops in Jamaica, has inaugurated a military nursing fund with the object of providing two or more nurses, who will be permanently attached to the military hospitals of the Colony, the scheme being on the same lines as that initiated in India by Lady Roberts. The necessity for the scheme has been impressed upon the military authorities, owing to the difficulty they experienced of obtaining the services of trained nurses during the recent outbreak of yellow fever. The average strength of the troops in Jamaica is about 500, and the average of those constantly sick about 30. It would appear therefore, that there is plenty of work for more than two nurses, even when there is no epidemic.

In connection with the nurses' exhibit at the Health Exposition at the Grand Central Palace, New York, two bronze decorations will be awarded in three competitive exhibits. This recognition of the excellence of the work of the nurses will doubtless stimulate them to even greater efforts on a future occasion. The present exhibit, however, is undoubtedly one upon which the nurses who have taken part in it are to be warmly congratulated.

WE have received a most artistic invitation from the Classes of '98 to be present at the commencement exercises of the Medical and Nursing Graduates, of the University of Texas at Galveston, and shouldn't we love to be there! The booklet of invitation is charmingly illustrated; for instance, there is one little picture in which an old world lamp sheds its rays to right and left. In the

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