

already shown themselves active on behalf of the sick soldier, and it is to be hoped some of the questions suggested will be raised, for the sick soldier is a neglected person of whom the public, until quite recently, has heard far too little."

MISS CROSS, the Matron of the Evelina Hospital for Children, Southwark, is bequeathed £500, under the will of the late Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, who has endowed the hospital with a sum of £100,000, in memory of his wife. Miss Cross has devoted years of her life to the best interests of this little hospital.

THERE are rumours that Cupid has been busy at the Chelsea Hospital for Women. We await an interesting announcement.

AT the Annual Meeting in connection with the Blackburn and East Lancashire Infirmary, Miss Henrietta Poole, the Matron, came in for warm and appreciative thanks in the official report, and Dr. Watson said that it had been his privilege for many years to appear at these annual meetings, but never had it given him greater pleasure than on the present occasion, to speak of the present excellent equipment of the Nursing Staff. We congratulate Miss Poole—when one works hard, it is nice to find one's work appreciated.

THE Swansea and South Wales Nursing Institute has for some time maintained a district nurse on its staff and now proposes to engage a second. The Swansea Guardians are to be asked to contribute towards the cost of maintenance of the additional nurse. Subject to certain conditions, the Guardians could not do better than comply with the request, as it is certain that many sick poor, who are quite unable to afford adequate nursing attendance for themselves may be efficiently and economically cared for by the Guardians by means of a district nurse.

FROM the report of the Committee at the annual meeting of subscribers it would appear that additional District Nurses are urgently needed. At present there is but one for the whole of the town, and "the number of the really poor in Swansea is proportionately far in excess of what obtains in other towns, and in its district sick nursing it is behind other towns of the same size."

THE Lady Superintendents of the Municipal Hospitals, the Chairman of the Sanitary Committee, and the Medical Officer of Health at Hull, entertained a large number of guests at the Nurses' Annual Ball last week. The ball differed from some to which we have on former occasions taken exception, as it was not held within hospital walls, a proceeding which must always be out of place;

but we are inclined to think that under any circumstances a "Nurses' Ball" is a mistake.

It is curious what habits are developed in different regions of the world. The latest we hear of is the "snow habit" which is formed by some people at Klondike and is most fatal. If once the habit of eating snow is adopted it becomes almost irresistible, but it causes intolerable thirst, blisters the mouth, and if persisted in is very fatal. The first advice given to a new comer to Klondike is "Don't eat snow." The habit seems similar to that of earth eating which is very prevalent amongst some African tribes, and which, unless cured (a most difficult thing to accomplish), almost invariably ends fatally, progressive emaciation, enlarged abdomen, and a peculiar colour being some of the signs. A confirmed earth eater will peel away plaster from walls, attack ordinary mould with gusto, and revel in heaps of building material.

THE new Bill promoted by prominent women and nurses, for an efficient Army Nursing Service in the States has aroused immense interest and enthusiasm in Washington.

A NUMBER of women prominently identified with the Daughters of the Revolution, were recently before the house committee on military affairs in reference to the Bill. The delegation included Miss Margaret Astor Chanler, of New York, who served as a nurse in Porto Rico; Dr. Anita Newcombe McGee, who is an assistant surgeon in the United States army; Mrs. Winthrop Cowden, of New York, president of a committee to forward this plan; Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, and Mrs. Bayard Cutting. Major General Wheeler, General Manderson and several army men were present. Miss Chanler urged the desirability of a corps of trained female nurses and cited the experiences at Porto Rico, where she said there was a lack of efficient organization, in support of the plan. Dr. McGee read letters from the surgeon-general approving the general plan, but pointing out some objections to the particular means proposed for executing it. In a recent letter of the surgeon-general to the Secretary of War he said that the experiences during the war with Spain demonstrated the fact that the services of trained female nurses are indispensable.

FROM a correspondent in the States we learn that there is to be a commission known as the nursing service commission, composed of the Secretary of War, the General commanding the army, the Adjutant General and the Surgeon General ex-officio, and three women appointed by the President, two of whom shall be nurses, graduates of a general hospital training school

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