

the "Nineteenth Century" a short time ago, should give her "patronage" to nurses "a la mode," for this class of nurse only will support this charity rout. Nurses who value the honour and good name of their noble vocation, are deeply indignant at the latest degradation to which they are being subjected by Mr. Edward Fardon, of the Middlesex, and his supporters. If these men cannot manage the Nurses' Association without constant and demoralising appeals to public charity, they shall, at least, not humiliate self-respecting women, without a protest and a public one.

FROM "St. George's Hospital Gazette" we learn that "Two of the Hospital cooks, as we go to press, are in the Crayle Ward, a misfortune which entails a heavy strain in the kitchen department." Surely the able Editor has not failed to make arrangements to fill their places, and thus prevent any serious inconvenience in the domestic arrangements of the hospital! Very naughty of him if he has omitted this duty.

NONE of the three classes of professional workers to whom "Madame Comber" claims to belong—the lady doctors, the chemists or the nurses, will be anxious to own her. The lady doctors can, of course, prove that she is not of their ranks, as they have their register. Chemists also can produce the credentials of their professional societies, but trained nurses cannot repudiate association with any one who chooses to call herself a nurse. Madame Comber, who was required to appear at the inquest held on Elizabeth West, at Southend, led the husband of the deceased woman to believe that she was qualified. She told him that she was certified, and had surpassed many doctors, and had gained her experience while being on the medical staff in the Franco-German War. Asked by the Coroner how she described herself, Madame Comber replied, "Well, a chemist or a nurse, and do anything that is handy." The Coroner, in summing up, said Madame Comber's explanations were far from satisfactory. She was simply an uneducated quack, and in accordance with the wish of the jury, severely censured her conduct.

THE Birmingham papers are busy discussing the "Queue System" at the city hospitals, by which habit poor patients are kept waiting for hours outside the hospitals until opening hours, and many protests have been sent to the press on the matter, the Secretaries and Matrons being blamed in some instances for this arrangement. We expressed our views on the matter in a late issue, and we are still unconvinced by the arguments advanced, that the out-patients should thus have free admission to the department at all

hours. No institution can be conducted in an efficient manner without regulations, and if the hospital is opened at a reasonable and regular hour every morning, and everything prepared for their treatment, the patients should not arrive at the hospital gates until that hour. Doctors, nurses, and the domestic staff have a right to consideration, as well as the sick they tend.

A LADIES' Committee has been formed in connection with the Samaritan Hospital, Belfast, owing, in a great measure, to the influence of Miss Florence E. Henderson, the only lady vice-president of the Hospital.

THE brutality of the male attendants in Paris hospitals is again the subject of criminal proceedings. M. Vaillant, who was employed at the Hopital de la Pitie, has been sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment for kneeling on the chest of M. Bernard, who was suffering from pneumonia and was in the delirious stage. The patient died a few minutes afterwards.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH VON HOHENLOHE, daughter of the German Chancellor, has taken up the special task of caring for the sick in war. She has founded a nursing centre in the Wilhelms Akademie, Berlin, where military doctors are trained. There twenty nurses, all volunteers, practise the measures necessary to alleviate the miseries of the sick in times of war. She has obtained the warm adherence of the Empress, who appeared a few days ago unexpectedly at the academy and exhibited the warmest interest. The instruction is most practical; first theoretical, afterward graduates go to the accident wards, and, lastly, they take a four weeks' course in a garrison hospital.

FROM the "Lancet" we learn that the Nursing Exhibition to be held in Berlin, will be opened from May 10th to June 18th. The Committee consists of leading hospital physicians and surgeons, army medical officers, and sanitarians. The exhibition will be divided into two departments—one general, and one special. The first or general department will comprise models of sick rooms, apparatus for heating, ventilation, and disinfection, beds, food for invalids, baths, wearing apparel, and books on nursing; the second or special department will comprise apparatus and appliances for the nursing of tuberculous patients, of sick children, of surgical patients, of the inmates of lunatic asylums, and of women in child-bed. There will also be a section for nursing in time of war and in the colonies. Such of the objects exhibited as possess exceptional importance or interest will be kept together so as to form a permanent museum of nursing.

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