

have not pleased some individuals. The nurse, however, has had no opportunity to defend her position, which I for one think every nurse should have. In all matters, whether a congregation, a body of workmen, a trades union, or in visiting and relieving the sick, one cannot please everyone, no matter how generally perfectly the work may have been done. To divide the parish by having two nurses would lead to bitterness and rivalry. To have no nurse by refusing to subscribe just because we cannot get our own way would be wicked, seeing that such good work has been done." He thereupon asks:—"Could we not elect annually a Council of business men who have no hobby to ride or interests to uphold, and who are perfectly free from prejudice and bias? Let these manage the Nursing Association on lines similar to the best managed Nursing Association in the country."

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WE are at one with Mr. Johnson that the nurse should not be condemned unheard; but nursing is not man's métier, and his suggestion that business men alone should manage a District Nursing Association is absurd.

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A MOST dastardly burglary and attempted assault recently took place at the Pewsey Workhouse, when a tramp got into the bedroom of one of the nurses. There is but little doubt, but for the screams of the nurse being heard by an inmate, who went to her room, that she would have been killed. As it is, the whole of her face and ears are a mass of bruises, one tooth has been knocked out, and another loosened, and it is not likely that Nurse Cox will be able to resume her duties for some time to come. Happily, the tramp, after a violent struggle with the master and a porter, was secured, so it is to be hoped that he will get his deserts. Nurse Cox will, we are sure, have much sympathy from her colleagues in this most disagreeable experience.

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MISS MARGARET ST. CLAIR, the lady who so ably managed the Rutland Square Branch of the Jubilee Nurses for the Sick Poor in Dublin, until last year, has of late been engaged in organising a similar service of nurses in Poland, with the assistance of Countess Marie Tyskiewiczze—a young heiress belonging to one of the oldest noble families in Poland. The Countess, when visiting Dublin some years ago, was so much struck with the splendid work done by the Catholic Jubilee nurses that she resolved on importing the system into her own estates; and very wisely commenced by importing one of its ablest officers.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



WE are glad to learn that the committee of the British Home and Hospital for Incurables, of which the Princess of Wales is the patroness, have for long looked with disfavour upon the trafficking in votes which has taken place at the half-yearly elections. To stop this undesirable practice, they have determined to abolish the usual election meetings in the City, and in future the voting papers will be sent to the subscribers a few weeks prior to the election, with the request that they be returned at a specified date to the secretary at the offices, 72, Cheapside.

At the meeting of the Hampstead Board of Guardians, Miss M. L. Thorpe, of Wallington, Surrey, was selected from fifteen applicants as dispenser at the Hampstead Workhouse Infirmary, at a salary of £60 per annum. Miss Thorpe stated that she had qualified as a dispenser, and gained the necessary certificates in nine months.

The North-Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, Shoreditch, has received an anonymous donation of £500 towards the sum of £20,000 required for carrying out part of an extensive scheme of enlargement.

An interesting Missionary Exhibition has been going on at Holy Trinity Church House, 200, Great Portland Street, W., during the week, closing on Friday evening, March 30th. It was opened on Monday by the Bishop of London. The object of the exhibition was, not to raise money, but to create a greater interest in missionary work. Amongst other interesting things on view were Livingstone's Bible in the case made by himself, his last journal, the continuation of the journal written on the edges of pamphlets when paper failed, and his note book, containing the last entry made just before his death.

A much needed and new Home for the Nurses has been recently opened by the Rev. Canon Erskine Clarke in connection with the Wandsworth and Clapham Union Infirmary. After an inspection of the Home, the company met in the new and spacious recreation room, the need of which has been much felt by the nurses for some years past.

Mr. Duncan Milligan presided, and in the course of an interesting speech, detailed the difficulties the guardians had met with in providing accommodation for the ever-increasing nursing staff. As chairman of the Board of Guardians, Mr. Milligan expressed his high appreciation of the work of Dr. Neal, Miss Ansty, the matron, and the nursing staff. He rejoiced that those who attended so zealously to the wants of the suffering poor would be able to perform their onerous duties under better conditions.

The transport *Kilburn* has been released from quarantine at Cape Town. The plague patients are convalescent. The only fatal case was that of the captain.

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