

a nurse, who fed it upon tinned milk. The medical evidence showed that death resulted from suffocation during convulsions, brought about by improper feeding. The inquest had been adjourned for a week, so that a County Council inspector and a midwife might give evidence as to nutritious qualities of tinned milk known as the "fourpenny brand." After hearing the evidence, the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical verdict, and severely censured both the midwife and nurse, while they requested the Coroner to give consideration to the question of a medical man having given a certificate of death on such a slender knowledge of the facts as he possessed. The fact that the name of "nurse" is constantly used by women who figure in such cases as the above, and are publicly censured by Coroners, is very prejudicial to the good name of trained nurses, who will do well to describe themselves as "nursing graduates" of their training school in order to emphasise their distinction from ignorant and, perhaps, disreputable women.

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Mrs. MYERS, of Dunningwell, has been elected President of the Executive Committee of the Millom District Nursing Association.

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WE have often drawn attention in this journal to the pernicious results of paying probationers and nurses gratuities in money for "good conduct," and we are, therefore, greatly pleased to learn that such a suggestion, adopted by the Newton Abbott Board of Guardians, who decided early in the year to give their nurses who had been in the Infirmary two years a gratuity of £2, has met with a dignified refusal, upon the part of the nursing staff, to accept a "gratuity." The Guardians have, therefore, decided to give an inclusive salary of £25 and uniform, increasing £1 a year to £30. We opine that the Guardians will not be able to obtain efficiently trained and desirable nurses for less than £30 a year, and it is a pity, whilst they were considering this salary question, which, apparently, comes before them so often, that they should not have decided to offer £30 instead of £25, it would save the rate-payers a goodly sum for advertising.

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THROUGH the instrumentality of Sir Pyers and Lady Mostyn, of Talacre, a nursing club has been formed for the districts of Talacre, Gronant, and Gwespyr, villages lying on the hills above Prestatyn, on Sir Pyers' estate. No less than 120 members have been enrolled, who will make weekly payments, in return for which they may call for the services of the nurse when required. Towards the first year's outlay Sir Pyers Mostyn has generously given £80, with a promise of

£25 annually afterwards. Sir Pyers and Lady Mostyn also undertake to pay the nurse's salary, the club paying for her maintenance, etc. Sir Pyers Mostyn has further promised to erect a suitable cottage for the accommodation of the nurse, who commences duties next month.

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Is the physique of women deteriorating, or does the luxury of our modern homes incapacitate girls for hard work? There is no doubt that hospital life is incomparably easier than it was a decade ago, and yet, on all hands, we hear that probationers break down much more frequently than was the case in sterner days, and this complaint comes not only from British hospitals, but also from our Colonies. The present-day nurse has comfortable quarters, shorter hours on duty, and much less physical hard work than her predecessors, yet she seems, in many instances, quite unable to bear the strain involved by nursing. The question is a serious one for hospital authorities.

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The Mother-General of Nazareth House continues to receive letters, if no longer "from the front," at least from the base of operations. Her community see much of the sidelights as well as the sufferings incidental to the waging of war. Concerning some of her cases, a Sister at Kimberley writes:—"A Scotchman suffering from fever. He soon detected my Scotch accent, and the first thing he begged me to do was to make a basin of brose and butter, and added 'Mak it yersel,' which I immediately did. Although the exorbitant price of butter made it scarce with us, I managed to get enough for him. He was too ill to take much, but it did me good to see how the poor fellow enjoyed it, all the time trying to impress upon me how often his mother had made it for him. Another case was a trooper in the Scots Greys. He was shot in the mouth, the lips cut, teeth knocked out, tongue pierced through, then the bullet lodged in the jaw. He was on the march two days and one night without any dressing. . . . He is a most kind-hearted fellow. When he came here he brought a dozen pairs of socks with him, and before he had been one day in the home he had given away to his companions the last pair. I found this out when I asked for his soiled socks to get washed. . . . The amusing part is, I had to supply him with the above-mentioned articles. It is very touching to see with what love and tenderness they render every little service to the more suffering and less fortunate among them. One would expect this kindness and thoughtfulness on the part of a woman, but I declare these poor men excel them."

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