

came to prosecutrix saying that her brother had embezzled a sum of money, and that he would be imprisoned if the money were not paid back. She begged for the loan of £5 for this purpose, promising to repay it, and stating that she would have no difficulty in doing so, as the lady she had been nursing at Birkenhead had died, leaving her a legacy of £130. Miss Douglas lent the money, and shortly afterwards lost sight of the prisoner. She ascertained that the address was fictitious. When arrested, the prisoner was living at a house in Great George Square, upon the door of which her name appeared on a brass plate as a nurse. She was remanded for eight days for further enquiries to be made.

A CORRESPONDENT writes from Pitlochry, N.B.:—"It will be learned with regret that Nurse Anderson, of the District Sick Nursing Association here has, on account of private reasons, sent in her resignation to the Executive, and will probably terminate her connection with the Association in about a month. Nurse Anderson's departure will be a distinct loss to the community. She has been connected with the Association since its formation in 1895, and her services during that time have been highly appreciated by all classes, numerous testimonials to this effect having been received by the Executive Committee. A skilled member of her profession, she was greatly instrumental in adding to the comfort and happiness of her patients by her happy, cheery manner and her large-hearted sympathy. It will be a difficult matter to fill the place that Nurse Anderson has quietly and unostentatiously won for herself in the affections of the people during the five years that have elapsed since she took up her residence in the district."

THE Rev. Louis Picot, Roman Catholic priest of the Church of St. Francis Xavier's, Bangalore, writing in the *Globe*, of that plague-stricken city, says:—"In our camp up to October 29th all the infirmarians were Catholics, but after this the south camp, which was opened at that date, was given into their charge, and they were replaced by some Protestant young ladies from England, for, when the plague first broke out in India, a number of English hospital nurses asked to be sent out. I must say in their praise that they acquitted themselves admirably of their duties and certainly had no fear of the dreadful disease. One of them in particular, Miss Snowdon, discovering that no one touched the dead during the night, set herself bravely to the task, and shrouded the bodies with large white cloths. May God reward her. She worked for Him I know." "Registered" nurses will be

pleased to read this testimony to the good work of one of their number.

WE observe that, at the Carrington Centennial Hospital Home for Convalescents at Camden, New South Wales, the excellent custom is in force of the submission of an Annual Report by the Matron to the Committee of Management. The Matron of this Institution is Miss Blanche Bricknell, who was trained at the Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, and who is a member of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland.

IT is curious to English nurses to note how many things come into the sphere of a colonial Matron. Miss Bricknell deals, for instance, with the improved tone of the patients, and of their willingness to assist in such work as gardening, stumping and carpentering. Then she speaks of the out-door department thus:—"The gardens and grounds benefitted very materially by the beautiful spring rains. The ornamental trees have made great progress, the flowers more abundant than for some years. The vegetable garden has been equal to the needs of the Institution, except for a short time in the winter, when, owing to the drought, the supply ran short for a week or ten days. The Hospital was, as usual, successful in the various exhibits at the local show, a good number of prizes being secured in different departments."

THE Report then deals with the games of all kinds which are eagerly indulged in by the more able of both sexes. Later, Miss Bricknell says:—

"I MUST again record, with great pleasure and thankfulness, the perfect spirit of trust and unity which characterises our nursing staff. There is a singleness of effort and purpose which is most gratifying and helpful to both patients and staff. There have been few changes on the staff during the year; of these, one nurse left to continue her training at the Prince Alfred Hospital."

MISS BRICKNELL also refers to the good work accomplished in benefitting a large number of deserving people, of relieving the Metropolitan Hospitals, and thus making room for urgent cases. The appreciation of patients is evidenced by their grateful expression of thanks both written and spoken, and the Matron is of opinion that the influence of the time spent in an orderly and disciplined Home is very far-reaching in its results, and that it is impossible to estimate the good done, directly and indirectly, by such a combination of influences as are brought to bear at the impressionable time of convalescence after a serious illness.

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