

WE are not surprised that this statement elicited a somewhat indignant reply from "A Member of the League of Bart's Nurses," who says that until she read this letter she was unaware that any *certificated* Bart's nurse had ever any difficulty in finding employment. After pointing out how many Bart's nurses hold responsible positions in the nursing world, she goes on to say:—

"I have never known the hospital cast adrift any one of its *certificated* nurses to earn her living by typewriting nor to degrade her training school by nursing for *eight shillings a week*. Surely "Semog" is talking of hospital servants and ward-maids. We are well aware that every year scores of women enter the training schools of the big London Hospitals, and that a large percentage are found to be incompetent and are disqualified in consequence, and it is just possible that some of these *would* be glad to earn eight shillings a week by nursing or any other employment."

MARY FRASER, described as a notorious hotel and boarding-house thief, was, last week, committed for trial at Folkestone on a charge of stealing a dressing case from 2, Shakespeare Terrace, in that town. The prisoner was a fashionably-dressed woman, of attractive appearance, and it was stated that she was well educated and for some years she had worked as a trained nurse. Detective Burniston stated that prisoner, under the aliases of Foster, Morton, Scott, Thompson, Smith, Francis, Thorpe, West, and Kate Jackson, was wanted for robbery at Hastings, Eastbourne, Brighton, Henley-on-Thames, Cromer, Cowes, Malvern, Barmouth, Rhyl, Ilkley, Harrogate, Scarborough, Filey, Hunstanton, Bexhill, Worthing, Tunbridge Wells, and also at Abingdon and Maidenhead for issuing worthless cheques from a stolen cheque-book. When arrested, there were found in the prisoner's possession tickets issued from the cloak-rooms at King's Cross, Euston, and other stations for various bags and boxes. These were found to contain jewelry, which has since been reclaimed by persons in different parts of the kingdom.

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DR. THOMAS RAITT, M.A., M.D., author of several works on medical subjects, and gold medallist in midwifery, was remanded by the Birmingham magistrates recently on a charge of stealing a gold watch, worth £30, from a jeweller's shop in Corporation Street. Dr. Raitt, it is alleged, asked the shop assistant to repair his eyeglass. Subsequently the assistant missed a valuable watch, and Dr. Raitt, having denied taking it, was arrested. The watch was afterwards found on a chair wrapped in the doctor's handkerchief. A pawn ticket was, it is asserted, discovered in his possession relating to a gold watch belonging to Dr. Harvey, for whom Dr. Raitt recently acted as *locum tenens*.

SHOULD this medical man be proved guilty, his professional brethren have means of dissociating themselves from a thief by removing his name from the Medical Register; but trained nurses have no redress, and nurse criminals have only to get out of jail, don uniform, and recommence a career of crime under the protection of the nurse's cloak. How long will women continue to permit this injustice?

The Passing Bell.

ON September 27th, in the Nurses' Home of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, passed to her rest one whose work for and in connection with the Infirmary during a period of twelve years, will be ever remembered with gratitude and affection. Miss Annie Grant entered as a probationer towards the end of 1874, amid rougher surroundings and harder work than is the lot of the probationer of later years. At the end of her two years' training, she went as Sister to the Thistlethwaite wards at St. Mary's, Paddington, where she worked for six and a half years. In 1883 she returned to the Infirmary as Home Sister. During the ten years she remained, her influence over the probationers was strong and for good. She had a keen sense of humour, and could laugh with her nurses, as well as sympathise when trouble came.

Her teaching was excellent, and many a frightened probationer, on the eve of her first examination, was cheered by her help and encouragement. Her old probationers, now scattered far and wide, have felt a lasting benefit from her teaching and example. Early in 1893, failing health obliged her to resign her post. After some months' rest, she was appointed Matron of the Scottish Nurses' Institute, Queen Street, Edinburgh, which post she held till 1897. Again obliged to give up work, she remained at home till called by the Royal Infirmary again in February, 1900, to take the Matronship of the Home of Rest for the Nurses at Colinton, a post for which she was peculiarly well suited, and which, unfortunately, she only held till August.

Remaining at her post till she could work no longer, she was removed to the Infirmary, where she passed peacefully away in the Home where she had been so loved and valued—tended by one of her own probationers and cared for as a sister by those she had worked with, and under the charge of the Physician and Surgeon she had known so long. In her death, as in her life, her example was the same, and of her it may be said "Well done, good and faithful servant."

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