

wounds and fever, because Dame Fashion has dropped them like a hot potato.

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BUT is it not time that the care of the sick soldiers in South Africa, was so ordered that they can be provided from headquarters with every justifiable comfort and appliance. Surely after all these months the Committee of the Army Nursing Service Reserve should have evolved an organization which would not leave those brave men dependent upon vicarious public charity. As, apparently, these self-elected organizers have utterly failed to accomplish this desirable end, it is high time that such important national work was entrusted to those capable of performing it. We are of opinion that thousands of valuable lives have been cruelly sacrificed to the ignorance and vanity of those who have monopolised Army Nursing management in this war.

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THE medical and nursing staff of the *Maine* are in London, and will be forwarded at an early date to their homes in America. They give an enthusiastic account of the work of the vessel during her recent voyage, the treatment of the patients in China and en route to England having been most successful. Several members of the staff have volunteered for further service in the event of the vessel being again sent out on foreign service.

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WE are glad to learn from the Annual Report of the Strangers' Hospital at Rio de Janeiro, that "the efficient and satisfactory manner in which the Matron and the entire nursing staff have performed their duties during the year has been a source of gratification to the Directors."

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IT is interesting to note that the suggestion made by Miss Scovil in our last issue, "that a shop where suitable and palatable foods might be procured for invalids," has, to some extent, been already carried out in Berlin. A society has been formed, says the *British Medical Journal*, on the initiative of the Evangelical League, for the purpose of supplying wholesome food, cooked in accordance with medical instructions to poor patients who could not otherwise obtain it. The food is carried to the patient's house in a heating apparatus, and meals are supplied at prices from 50 pfennigs to 2 marks. The supply is arranged on a system adapted to give different conditions—the febrile state, gastric affections, convalescence, childbed, and general weakness. It is hoped that the scheme may develop to the extent of supplying special diets—for instance, for diabetes. The first "Krankenkuche" was opened recently in a central situation.

An organization for the same object would have a large field of usefulness in this country, where the difficulty of getting properly prepared food for the sick belonging to the lower middle classes and for persons of scanty means in lodgings is often a serious hindrance to the success of medical treatment.

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AT Longmoor-lane Cemetery, Liverpool, a very handsome marble memorial-stone, placed at the head of the grave of Nurse Christina Jackson, was recently unveiled in the presence of a large gathering of the deceased lady's friends. The stone bore the following inscription:—"In loving memory of Christina Jackson, who died April 12th, 1900, aged 34 years, daughter of Donald and Sarah Jackson. This stone is erected to her memory by her shipmates in the victualling department of the steamship *New England*, to mark her heroism in nursing during a severe sickness on board, from which sickness she afterwards died. Let her dear memory serve to make our faith in goodness strong."

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THE proceedings, which were of a very impressive character, were opened by the Rev. Stanley Rogers, who spoke of the late nurse's great willingness to alleviate the sufferings of others. He also dwelt upon her skill and qualifications as a nurse, and said that this monument, erected by the members of the same ship on which she was engaged, was an expression of their warm gratitude for her services rendered to them during the time of a very serious sickness. The rev. gentleman also referred to her connection with the Liverpool nursing staff, and mentioned that she was promoted to the honourable position of one of her Majesty's Jubilee nurses. So eager was she to serve others that she never considered herself, and she had died while serving the cause which she had so much at heart. The stone was unveiled by a number of members of the crew.

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AT Coventry, Miss Hilda Catherine Poole, district nurse at Foleshill, was summoned for riding her bicycle on the footpath. The police stated that the defendant had been previously cautioned. The defendant smilingly told the Court that she had a good many patients to visit, and the Foleshill roads were in a fearful condition. Had she used the roadway in Bridge Road she would have been sticking there now. She was forced to use the footpaths. Defendant was cautioned, and left the court after giving a promise not to offend again. We must say our sympathies are with the nurse.

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THE wife of the future King of Saxony, Prince

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