

letter of enquiry—the letter may have been lost in the post, or like others addressed to public institutions, all the world over, have found its way into a waste-paper basket. Such things do occur when a letter may safely be considered a negligible quantity, in fact the duty of answering letters by hospital officials is one which would bear a distinct order from many Hospital Committees. Writers by no means always receive a courteous reply to enquiries, either from Hospital Matrons or Secretaries, and it must be conceded that they have a right to such replies. Perhaps things are better in the Old Country than in the Colonies. Courtesy upon the part of public officials is by no means infallible here.

The interchange of letters is still going on as I write between the Committees and Officers of the Hobart and Launceston Hospitals, and it is to be hoped that good will come out of it. A Public Nursing Board to deal with educational matters for nurses, and to give them legal status, and some say in their own affairs, is what is wanted, as the present manner of control by medical patronage is bad for the discipline of the nursing profession, the medical faculty almost invariably "backing" the "nurse against the "Matron," when Matron and nurses should together form the profession of nursing, and co-operate to govern themselves. No other arrangement can be really elevating and satisfactory.

Yours truly,

"A CONSTANT READER AND ADMIRER."

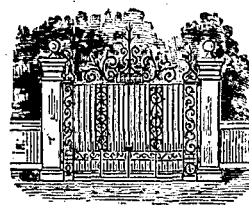
Preparations, Inventions, etc.

ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE.

There is no section of the community which suffers more from tender and painful feet than nurses who are often on their feet the greater part of the day. Many suffer in silence, but if they knew of any alleviation for this trying ailment would be glad to use it. A remedy which has been brought to our notice is Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder which may be shaken into the shoes, and may be freely applied until the feet are brought into proper condition. It may be obtained from all the leading chemists and stores. Nurses who suffer from tender feet cannot do better than give it a trial. We should recommend them at the same time to change their shoes and stockings several times a day. A wonderful amount of ease for hot and tired feet is obtained by the adoption of this simple expedient.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



On the initiative of Sir H. G. J. de Lotbinière, Lieutenant - Governor of British Columbia, the Royal Humane Society has just awarded its medal to Miss Mary Williams, of Victoria, B.C., for her devotion and courage at the sinking of the Pacific Coast Company's steamer Walla Walla, after collision with the French barque Max, on Jan 2. There were many ladies on board, and Miss Williams exerted herself in encouraging and getting them into the boats. She thus missed her chance of leaving the vessel, and had only time to spring overboard when the ship went down. She swam to a boat, which capsized soon after, and she then clung to a frail raft over which the seas were breaking for some ten hours, when she was picked up and landed at San Francisco.

Dr. Emily Dunning has been appointed ambulance surgeon to Gouverneur Hospital, New York. Dr. Dunning, a graduate of Cornell, came out second in her class in June of last year, and became a competitor for the post to which she has now been appointed. She came out head of the list of applicants at the examination, but was refused the appointment because of her sex. The appointment of a new Board of Charities offered her this year more encouraging prospects in the contest for a vacant post on the staff of the hospital, and it is satisfactory to learn that she has now been appointed.

Mrs. Fannie Humphreys Gaffney, who so ably represented the National Council of Women of the United States at the International Women's Congress, held in London, in 1899, has undertaken to act as Editor-in-Chief of a New York paper, named *Truth*, and is associating other representative women with her with the purpose of making it the medium between women's organizations. It is proposed to offer the paper to the women's organizations of America, and this will, Mrs. Gaffney believes, "open up possibilities for concerted effort along many lines." Those who recognize the power of the Press will realize the wisdom of this step, and we, in this country, who know the genius of American women for carrying through any undertaking to which they set their hand, shall watch with interest the future of this latest addition to the journals edited by women.

The high price of beef has given rise in New York to a serious riot. The poor Jewish women apparently persuaded the Kosher butchers to refuse meat from the packers at the high prices. The butchers shut their shops, but repented, and opened them again with a fresh supply, whereupon some 700 women attacked the shops and destroyed or took away the meat. The police reserves had to be called out. Between fifty and seventy women were arrested. In the *mêlée* the butchers' windows were smashed, and policemen were struck with slabs of meat.

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