

seem to consider that a nurse should make herself generally useful in the house, and that her spare moments should be employed in this way. It cannot be too often laid down that trained nursing means service of the sick, and no good nurse will hesitate to perform any office which ensures greater comfort to her patient. This rule is very elastic. In a house where there are plenty of servants, her work will naturally be confined to strictly nursing duties. In a house where the domestic staff is limited, however, a nurse who has any appreciation of the dignity of her work will not hesitate to perform many little domestic offices, and, if need be, to cook dainty dishes for her patient. She will also be careful to require as little personal attention as possible. But the fact remains that it is occasionally necessary for a nurse to make plain, both for the sake of the patient, and of other members of her profession, that while her province includes all which makes for the comfort of the patient, she is not a "domestic servant and trained nurse combined."

We are asked to say that the popular Linetta collars and cuffs supplied by Messrs. Thomas Wallis and Co., Ltd., Holborn Circus, and to which we referred last week, may be procured not only at the establishment of this firm, but through all the leading drapers, including Messrs. Garrould's emporium in Edgware Road, where many West-end nurses obtain their professional outfits.

A unique stand at the Grocery Exhibition this week at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, was that of M. Henri Nestlé, the value of whose milk, both of the Swiss and Viking brands, is well known to the readers of this journal. The stand represented a Swiss chalet, and was made entirely of fir, the wood of the country, the furniture inside being made of the usual Swiss carved wood. This stand excited much interest and admiration.

Miss Thomas, the recently-appointed Lady Superintendent and Instructress of Nurses at the Waterford Workhouse, recently presided at a meeting of a committee appointed to examine the literary qualifications of candidates previous to their appointment as probationers in the institution. About a dozen candidates attended.

We have many difficulties to contend with in this country in connection with the organisation of our profession, but we fortunately have not as yet developed a system of teaching nursing "by mail" which is to be found in the United States. An advertisement in a recent issue of a contemporary runs thus:—"Be a trained nurse and find employment which is agreeable and profitable. A thorough practical course of instruction and training is given by an institution established under the laws of the

State of Michigan—which you can take at home by mail at small expense. Diplomas issued. Free information sent.—The Detroit School of Nursing (Inc.), Detroit, Michigan."

Nor do we confer honorary degrees in nursing upon persons who are not trained nurses, a course adopted by the Chicago Hospital Training School for Nurses, founded by Dr. Binkley, which has just conferred its first honorary degree upon Vicomtesse Baudoïn de Jonghe, of Brussels. When Dr. Binkley was in Italy two years ago one of the servants at the Grand Hotel Varese had an attack of appendicitis, which the doctor attended. The Vicomtesse, with a retinue of servants, was also stopping at the hotel. She personally aided in nursing the patient, and for this action has received an honorary degree from Dr. Binkley's school. Would this gentleman consider that a layman had earned an honorary degree in medicine by casual service rendered to a sick person? We hope he would have more respect for the welfare of his profession, and, in the same way, all nurses who appreciate the gravity of the work entrusted to them in the care of the sick, and know how essential is a prolonged and arduous training to its due performance; will deplore the cheapening of their calling by the bestowal of honorary degrees in nursing by so-called schools run by medical men.

The New York State Commission in Lunacy has decided to have constructed in New York city two psychopathic hospitals. In these hospitals patients will be retained until the symptoms of insanity have been eradicated or clearly established. They will not be placed among the inmates of the State hospitals for the insane until their insanity is known beyond a doubt. Dr. Frederick Peterson, President of the State Commission, has sailed for Europe, and while there will inspect institutions of the type which it is proposed to establish in New York.

Miss Bourignon, who last year received the Royal Red Cross for her services in China at Tientsin, has been awarded the "Elizabeth" medal by the Emperor of Austria. This Order, as our readers know, was established to commemorate the virtue of the late Empress Elizabeth. The Emperor's Secretary of Legation at Pekin wrote to Miss Bourignon that the Emperor and King had been graciously pleased to confer the medal upon her for her distinguished services in connection with the Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Hospital during the China campaign in 1900. The presentation was accompanied by baskets of flowers from the Consul and military officers of the Dual Empire, who afterwards called on Miss Bourignon to express their congratulations, and their thanks for her care of their comrades. Miss Bourignon was trained at Charing Cross Hospital.

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