

Nurses in London, who have given practical assistance in carrying out the scheme. She trusts that the example of those who have so generously responded to her appeal may induce others to grant her their support, and thus enable her to establish a sufficient number of nurses to meet the great want that exists in many parts of Ireland.

Mrs. Sarah Jones, who went through the Crimean campaign as a nurse with Miss Florence Nightingale, was buried at Frimley recently. Mrs. Jones, who was eighty-four years of age, was the last survivor of the brave band who went out with Miss Nightingale. Her husband, who survives her, also went through the Crimea and the Mutiny with the 12th Lancers. In accordance with the deceased's oft-expressed wish, the badge given her by Miss Nightingale, bearing the words "Miss Nightingale, Scutari Hospital," was buried with her.

Mr. Brodriek has informed Dr. Farquharson that the report of the committee sent to South Africa to report on the prevalence of enteric fever and dysentery during the war has been received, and will be laid on the table.

Mr. Burt, a Poor Law Guardian for Battersea and Wandsworth, has our sympathy with his statement, made at a recent Board meeting, that the death, evidently from brutal violence, of the poor man Sadler was "wholesale murder, Mr. Chairman, and nothing else." This matter must not be allowed to rest until the guilty are brought to justice. If poor patients are to be "smashed up" in Poor Law infirmaries without redress, the Local Government Board is even a more futile authority than it has already proved itself, and that is saying much.

Nursing Sisters M. L. Crawford, A. S. Bond, C. M. Pilgrim, and E. L. Mole left Cape Town in the *Orissa* on May 14th, and are due at Southampton on June 2nd.

In connection with the Whitsuntide voyage of the *Lake Simcoe*, Sir Alfred L. Jones, with his customary consideration, has sent invitations to the Royal Infirmary, the Royal Southern Hospital, and the Northern Hospital, Liverpool, for two nurses from each institution to enjoy the trip.

The Committee of the Harrow Cottage Hospital and District Nursing Fund report that the sum of £15 2s. 4d. has been collected for the institution during the past year by "Leo," Miss Baxter's dog. If human beings worked as hard for our hospitals, and with as good results, these institutions would be in a flourishing condition.

We are glad to note that the Ladies' Committee has been abolished, and in its place a Visiting,

House, and Finance Committee of eight members appointed, three of these being ladies, including the Lady Superintendent.

We learn that "there is little to record regarding the work of the District Nurses, except that it has proved itself invaluable to the district, and it is difficult to realise what was done before their work was started. All the patients continue to speak in the highest terms of the kindness and care bestowed on them by Nurse Bennett and Nurse Wilson, and the Committee are pleased to testify to the cheerfulness and tact with which they carry out their duties." This is the usual testimony to district nursing work when organised on an efficient basis.

The conduct of a nurse in connection with a recent divorce case, in which a doctor at Hounslow was the co-respondent, if correctly represented in the daily press, is a gross breach of professional trust. We wish that the name of this nurse had been made public, so that we might have warned the public against her. The facts appear to be that Dr. A. White, of Hounslow, was called in to attend one of the children of a Swiss engineer living at Hounslow. His wife subsequently left home and went to live in Brixton, describing herself to her landlady as a widow. One day she announced her intention of going out to be married, and Dr. White returned and stayed three weeks with her. Late one night a nurse called, thinking to "catch" the doctor, whom she had seen enter the house earlier in the evening. Assured that he was not there, she rode on her bicycle to Dr. White's house and rang the bell. After a while the doctor came out. On being asked what she wanted the nurse replied "Nothing," and went away. Before taking up the rôle of detective in divorce cases, we should advise this person to dissociate herself from the profession of nursing. The two callings are quite incompatible.

During the winter months lectures have been systematically given to the nurses at the Ruchill Fever Hospital, Glasgow, the class of junior probationers, 1901-1902, numbering thirty-six, and of senior probationers fifty. Practical demonstrations were given to the junior class by the Matron, Miss Adams; the Senior Assistant Physician (Dr. M'Coll) lectured on elementary anatomy, physiology, and chemistry; while Dr. Johnston lectured to the senior probationers on the theory and practice of nursing. At the close of the lectures the examinations for the certificate of proficiency in fever nursing were held, and those nurses who had completed their full training and successfully passed their examinations were granted certificates.

We are glad that the Local Government Board for Ireland has supported Dr. Joseph Smyth in his

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