

outside of a horse," Lord Palmerston used to say, and it is certainly a better place, the journal remarks, than the inside of a rapidly-driven motor car.

THE TRANSVAAL PLAGUE.

Sir Walter Foster, in a letter to the *Times*, points out that the severity of the outbreak of plague in the Transvaal justifies the most stringent measures for its suppression. Further, that except in temperate climates, and among Europeans, the disease continues to recur year after year, and that Asiatics (Indians and Chinese) are particularly prone to contract it.

Legal Matters.

NOT A NURSE'S PROVINCE.

At an inquest on a two-years-old child suffering from severe burns who was taken to Bolingbroke Hospital, Battersea, for treatment, some strong comments were made by the Coroner, Mr. John Troutbeck. The mother deposed that she took the child to the hospital on Monday, March 28th, when the doctor saw it and told the nurse to dress the wound with ointment. On the following days she also attended, but not on Good Friday or Easter Monday, because patients were not seen on those days. On the day after Bank Holiday she went again, and was told by the nurse not to bring the child till the following Friday. Meanwhile it died.

The out-patient nurse said she dressed the child's wounds on three occasions. The burns were very serious. The doctor saw it on the first occasion, not afterwards; he was busy in the wards, and she thought it best for the child not to detain it or to keep the wound uncovered. The nurse was supposed to dress all old patients, and not to ask the doctor to come unless the patient desired to see him. She had to use her discretion in the matter. She saw no signs of pneumonia on the Tuesday. She took no means to discover whether the child was suffering from it or not, as this was the province of a doctor, not of a nurse.

The Coroner, in summing up, said the child should certainly have been seen by a medical man, and, knowing as one did how seriously the medical profession treated the employment of unqualified medical assistants, it was extraordinary to find established at that hospital what amounted to the same thing, a nurse employed to do medical work.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and expressed their concurrence with the Coroner's remarks.

No evidence was tendered by the doctor who saw the child; this is the more regrettable, as at a special meeting of the Governors held on Wednesday it was found that the child attended the hospital seven times, and was seen on three occasions by the medical officer.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Miss Anna W. Graham has been appointed Matron of the Union Workhouse, Belfast. She was trained in the Belfast Union Infirmary, where she held the position of Charge Nurse and Assistant Nurse. She has also been Superintendent of the Lunatic and Convalescent Departments of the Belfast Workhouse.

Miss Jennie Hughes has been appointed Nurse-Matron of the Hospital of the Port of London Sanitary Authority, Denton, near Gravesend. She was trained at the Grantham Hospital, and subsequently worked as Nurse at the St. Marylebone Infirmary for two years, and for three at the Fountain Fever Hospital, Tooting, and for two years as Charge Nurse at the Park Hospital, Lewisham.

Miss Armistead, of Edinburgh, has been appointed Matron of the new joint fever hospital at Hawick.

Miss Alice Ann Tinker has been appointed Matron of a Medical and Surgical Home and Institute of Trained Nurses in Manchester. She was trained at King's College Hospital, London, and has had experience both in district and private nursing.

SISTERS.

Miss Frances C. Wallen has been appointed Home Sister at the Fulham Infirmary, Hammer-smith, W. She was trained at the Metropolitan Hospital, and has held the positions of Ward Sister and Night Superintendent at the Southwark Infirmary, East Dulwich.

Miss E. Wilson Ross has been appointed Sister at the Liverpool Sanatorium, Frodsham. She was trained at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, where she held the position of Theatre Sister. She has also held a similar position at the Bethnal Green Infirmary.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

The following promotion, resignation, and confirmation of appointments are announced in connection with the above Service:—

The undermentioned Sister to be Matron: Miss C. H. Potts.

Staff Nurse Miss C. C. R. Moor resigns her appointment.

The undermentioned Sisters and Staff Nurses are confirmed in their appointments, their period of provisional service having expired:—Sisters: Miss C. P. Gash, Miss E. M. Monck-Mason. Staff Nurses: Miss E. S. Mason, Miss M. Walker.

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