

Signora Morana was delighted to be of use; she has, naturally, had some experience, and longs for more. I am indeed glad that she can carry on the nursing of my poor men upstairs. She will be with me again to-morrow, and so get some idea of the routine.

September 5th.—My last day at the Gesu e Maria is over. The patients were very nice; the gentlemanly ascetic asking for my visiting card and saying he would send me his. Signora Morana is already popular; Italians are quick in liking and in feeling at home with people. She is also extremely capable and deft. I showed her how to wash patients, the system of medicine giving, and that of hypodermics. As there are four patients who have sublimate injected at present, she will have splendid practice. Sister will, of course, continue teaching her the practice of nursing, as well as the theory; but I wanted her to carry on at once the things which the patients would most miss.

September 6th.—Packing with interruptions all the morning, after dining—for the last time—with Pasa. S——, last night. She kept saying I was sure to return; but I trust that all will go well without me, that Sister will keep strong and happy, and find that several of the pupils are worthy of her training, which is so thorough and patient, so firm, and yet so kind.

It is always sad coming to the end of a thing; but I can only feel thankful that the work here seems, at last, to have taken good root, and is left in such wonderfully capable hands. It is always a source of intimate satisfaction, the thought that you leave a place a little bit better off than you found it. . . . And though, of course, there is always the feeling that if you had not done the work, someone else would—and probably much better—yet that is not really such a *right* belief as the one that each of us has his own particular bit of work to do, and if we miss it, it will never be quite the same for those who come after, and would have been able to do still better had we not failed. E. VERE.

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The Hungarian troops, says the *Tribune*, are supplied with asbestos socks treated with a preparation invented some two years ago by an army surgeon named Hogyes. It is claimed that this footwear is invaluable on a long march, and entirely prevents footsoreness. Coats and even trousers have been made with asbestos, and in Bulgaria a tramp has his clothes taken from him and is supplied with an entire asbestos suit. The asbestos cloth is warm, and, if not quite as soft as wool against the skin, is nevertheless not uncomfortable. The Bulgarian authorities claim that it not only causes tramps to be known as such, but tends to cleanliness. Antipathy or indolence may prevent the use of soap and water, but these clothes can just be thrown on the fire and in a few minutes are perfectly clean, and when exposed to the air soon cool down sufficiently to be put on again.

Such clothes seem to be an ideal form of apparel for the uncleanly.

An Interesting Exhibition.

An interesting Historical Exhibition of Medical, Chemical, Pharmaceutical and allied objects of interest, organised and under the direction of Mr. Henry S. Wellcome, of the firm of Burroughs & Wellcome, is to be held in London shortly. The exhibition will be strictly professional and scientific in character, and will not be open to the general public. Mr. Wellcome is exceptionally well qualified to organise such an exhibition, as he has for many years been engaged in researches respecting the early methods employed in the healing art both amongst civilised and uncivilised peoples. He will welcome any information in regard to early traditions or references to ancient medical treatment.

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