

pointed out that, whereas the Council gave the last woman sanitary inspector a salary of £100 a year to begin with, it is now offering a smaller salary for work requiring an additional three years' training as nurse.

More "Roses, roses, all the way." The morning after *the Dinner*, Miss Isla Stewart, desirous of retaining a visible memento of the great occasion, was photographed with all her bouquets. Thus, behold her! Nurses are very seldom sentimental, but we believe some of these lovely blooms are laid by "in lavender."

Frank G. Proudfoot, medical officer to the Oxford Corporation, said that in his opinion the boy died from suffocation, having apparently turned over in bed, and so suffocated himself. In answer to the Coroner (Dr. Galpin), he said he did not consider the nursing staff at the infirmary adequate. He added that he had on several occasions spoken to the guardians as to the inadequate nursing staff. They had had special meetings, but on each occasion had refused to grant his recommendation.

Mr. Jonathan Hill, master of the workhouse,



MISS ISLA STEWART AND THE BANQUET BOUQUETS.

An inquiry was held at Oxford last week into the circumstances attending the death of Ashley C. Adkins, aged 16, in the infirmary at the Oxford Workhouse during the absence of the nurse. The boy was an epileptic. Mabel Reade, nurse, said that at 5.15 on Monday morning Ashley was in bed and quite right. About 6.40 she was called by one of the ward maids, and found he was dead. He was in a ward with other patients. She was the only nurse on duty on Sunday night. There were six rooms and 49 patients to look after. Dr.

took a directly opposite view, and said that only six of the 49 patients in the six wards of the infirmary required special attention.

Mr. Ballard, clerk to the guardians, on their behalf urged that if extra assistance had been required it was easily obtainable in the house, and that the present system of nursing had been approved by the inspector of the Local Government Board.

The jury returned a verdict that there was not a sufficient nursing staff on the night of

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