

3 o'clock in the reception room of the Nurses' department. At that hour the Service was begun by the Protestant episcopal missionary to the almshouses, standing in the doorway. The hospital Nurses, eighty in number, in uniform, and with a black band around the left arm, stood during the Service on the staircase leading to the second floor.

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MR. HEATON read the burial service, including the lesson from 1 Cor. xv. 20. After the Nurses had sung the hymns, "The King of Love my Shepherd is," and "O Paradise, O Paradise!" prayer was offered by Mr. Heaton. The body was then borne to its last resting place in Woodlands Cemetery, the procession being headed by the Rev. Mr. Heaton, and the Rev. Dr. Miel, rector of St. Sauveur, and followed by Senator Hawley and eleven other men of note as pall bearers. Immediately after the coffin came Mrs. Hawley (who as Miss Hornor accompanied Miss Fisher from England as assistant chief Nurse), and Miss H. R. West, who succeeded Mrs. Hawley as assistant.

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FOLLOWING them were the Nurses in a body, members of the medical staff, officers of Blockley Almshouse, and a long column of ladies, friends of Miss Fisher's, and many of them distinguished for their good services in promoting useful works. At the cemetery, the Service committing the body to the grave was read by the Rev. Mr. Heaton, and the hymn, "The strife is o'er," was sung. Before the grave was closed each Nurse dropped a rose on the coffin. Among the floral designs was a large Maltese cross of white and tea roses from the Nurses. The officials at Blockley, at a meeting on the 4th, adopted a series of resolutions, paying a high tribute to the late Miss Alice Fisher, chief Nurse, and it was decided to send an engrossed and framed copy to Miss Fisher's sister in England.

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I HEAR that Miss Annie Blissett, whose essay gained the Competitive Prize, and appeared in our last number, was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and has since been engaged in private Nursing. The judges reported that Miss Hunt, who, I believe, was trained at St. George's Hospital, had sent in the essay which they placed second, but that the other candidates had not fulfilled the conditions laid down, or had not apparently understood the bearings of the scheme they were asked to describe. I congratulate Miss Blissett and Miss Hunt, however, on their literary powers, and more than ever see the advantages of such a competition, as this journal has initiated, especially in bringing out and educating the latent abilities for English composition, possessed undoubtedly by many Nurses.

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I HEAR that Miss Jane Snowdon has been appointed Head Nurse in the Infirmary at Bolton. She was

trained at the Royal Infirmary at Manchester, and showed such special aptitude for the work that for the latter half of her time there she was special Nurse to the cases of abdominal section. From there she passed to private Nursing, but, like so many others, after some three years, returned to hospital work, being appointed Staff Nurse at the Miller Memorial Hospital at Greenwich, from which she moves to her new post. It is also reported that Miss Howard Jones has been appointed Matron of the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's, and has since then held various responsible offices, chiefly as *locum tenens* for short periods of time, everywhere winning golden opinions, which doubtless will be confirmed and strengthened by her fulfilment of her new duties. S. G.

HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

At a meeting of the Hamilton Association for providing Trained Male Nurses, held on the 20th, under the presidency of the Ven. Archdeacon B. F. Smith, a great increase in the receipts was announced, they being £1,400, as against £800 in the previous year. The society ought to be able to maintain itself without an appeal to the outside public for funds; and we should be glad to see it in this independent position.

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THE well-timed gift of Viscountess Ossington (£150) to the Newark Hospital, for the purposes of draining and cleansing the institution, has been cordially welcomed by the authorities, as it provides them with the means of having a thorough *spring cleaning* in every sense of the word.

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SUNDERLAND has made the experiment, the first time tried in that town, of a house-to-house collection on behalf of its infirmary. The result was particularly satisfactory, the collection having been made in a most business-like manner, the town being divided into twenty districts. Our Metropolitan hospital authorities might do worse than give this excellent system a trial.

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THE adjourned discussion of "The Pay System in Hospitals," being the title of a paper recently read by Mr. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., reveals the following interesting items:—"The self-help system had worked most successfully at Guy's." "The London Hospital have recently adopted a system of inspection of inquiry into the means of those attending the out-patients department, in order to prevent abuse of the charity." "Prebendary Barnes thought that a commission should be appointed to decide what steps should be taken." Dr. Stoker "recom-

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