

when the fact is the ship could never get sufficient passengers to enable it to leave shore at all! By the way, it is curious how our contemporary maintains its own train of thought, even when it loses its temper! It has hitherto perpetually been talking of "a founder"; now it is writing of a "wreck." I shall be curious to see how and where it uses the two terms in future.

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I HEAR that Miss Godolphin-Osborne has been appointed matron of the Midland Counties Home for Chronic and Incurable Diseases, at Leamington. She is a daughter of Lord Sydney Godolphin-Osborne, and therefore a niece of the present Duke of Leeds; was trained at the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester; and then became a staff nurse, and afterwards night superintendent at St. Bartholomew's, which latter post she has held for three years. Miss Godolphin-Osborne will be greatly missed at St. Bartholomew's, where she is not only much beloved by patients and nurses, but also by all the hospital cats! The story goes that she makes her nightly rounds followed by a serried phalanx of her feline friends, who take up set position on the mats and lobbies when she enters each ward, and there remain on guard till she reappears!

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I AM told that Miss Ellen Smith has been appointed lady superintendent of the Convalescent Hospital at Woolton, near Liverpool. She received her training as a nurse at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and distinguished herself by gaining the first place in the examination at the termination of her probationary period. She then became a sister at the Victoria Park Chest Hospital, and after one year's work in that capacity was elected matron of the Miller Memorial Hospital at Greenwich, I believe, when that institution was first opened, some three or four years ago, a post which she has held to the present time, and which I presume will now be vacant.

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THE EMPEROR OF GERMANY'S NURSE.—It will interest our readers to know that the Irish lady, who was specially requested by the Emperor of Germany to nurse him, is Miss Adelaide Dolling, one of the devoted ladies belonging to the Winchester College Mission at Portsmouth. She is a relative of the Bishop of Derry, and was trained in France, and is as noted for her skill as for her Christian self-denial.

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A NURSING HEROINE.—Another heroine of the Crimea has just died at Ewell. The deceased lady was the wife of the Rev. W. Hobson, whom she first met in the terrible battle-fields of the East. Mr. Hobson was at that time a chaplain to the forces, and Mrs. Hobson a member of the devoted band of nurses of which Miss Nightingale was the leader. Previous to residing at Ewell, the Hobsons were located at Faversham, in Kent.

MISS MARY TURNBULL has, I hear, been appointed sister at the General Hospital, Nottingham. She was trained at the London Hospital, and received her certificate after passing "a very satisfactory examination" at the end of her second year. She was then made a staff nurse at the same institution, and has now held that post for more than twelve months. I am told that the manner in which she performed her duties in Glo'ster Ward earned for her the complete confidence and commendation of those under whom she worked. "Glo'ster" is one of the male accident wards; and as the London is the greatest surgical hospital in the world, from its close proximity to the docks and factories of the East End, it is easy to understand what enormous experience and arduous work must fall to the share of the sisters and staff nurses of its accident wards.

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MISS CHARLOTTE THOMPSON has, I hear, been appointed lady superintendent of the Clayton Hospital, at Wakefield, out of 47 candidates for the post. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and gained her certificate there about four years ago, since which time she has been almost continuously engaged in private nursing. By-the-bye, it is curious how frequently one hears of even successful private nurses who return to hospital or institutional work. They all say that the hurry and bustle of case after case, in one house or hotel after another, makes them yearn for the ordered regularity, rest, and peacefulness of the hospital.

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MISS THOMPSON is well known and greatly admired as an amateur vocalist of unusual powers. She possesses a very strong but sweet soprano voice, which she used to employ frequently either in the cause of charity or for the enjoyment of her wide circle of friends and acquaintances. I am told that at the winter entertainments at St. Bartholomew's her songs were always one of the great features, and that she was much missed when she left the hospital.

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SPEAKING of St. Bartholomew's reminds me how much indebted I am to friends at that institution for the many little contributions they make to these Echoes. I hope in time other hospitals will send me nursing news from their walls also. S. G.

NURSING FOR THE POOR.—We cannot help drawing attention to the letter in our correspondence columns signed "Veritas." This is a case, unfortunately, only one out of many thousands which are constantly occurring; and we sincerely hope and trust that some thoroughly practical method of dealing with this all-important question may be adopted, and an end put to what is almost a scandal upon our civilization.

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