

him look as fresh and clean and comfortable as usual. "Why," said he, "don't you who talk so much about trained Nurses for sick people have them taught how to shave a fellow when he can't shave himself, and his hands are too weak and shaky to hold a razor or even a pen?" The idea seemed to me most suggestive, for although in London the neighbouring barber is always to be had, to polish up the dear familiar chin when a dark shade of unshaven bristles envelops it, in the country and outlying places there is no such help at hand, and I know several places where great discomfort had to be endured by male friends of my own, because they were obliged to remain unshaven for days, although every other want or fancy was at once gratified by the trained Nurse in charge. Surely, it would be as easy for a Nurse to learn the skilful use of a razor as of any other instrument in order to make the patient comfortable and look like himself rather than a grizzly bear—sufficient to alarm even his own children with a week's growth of stubbly hair about his face."

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THE following letter, which appeared in the *Oxford Journal* last week, is a good example of the manner in which the development of District Nursing is progressing all over the country:—

Sir,—We believe that the necessity for the services of a skilled Nurse in sickness is now fully recognised, and that the work of the Sarah Acland District Nurses among the poor in Oxford is well known; also the fact that fully-trained private Nurses are on the staff of the Home, and can be obtained there when required. In order to meet another want, the Committee propose to add to their staff a Visiting Nurse and they will be very much obliged to you if you will kindly aid them by giving publicity to this scheme. The special function of this Nurse will be to attend upon paying patients in such cases of illness as may require occasional visits, where the patient is not ill enough to need the entire services of a resident Nurse, but where a certain amount of attention such as is often required in slight cases of illness or accident might be given. This Nurse will visit her patients once, twice, or thrice daily, as desired and we are sure that all who have experienced in their own households the assistance given in cases of accident or emergency by trained Nurses will be able properly to estimate the value of the boon now offered them on the following terms:—Single visit, 2s. 6d.; daily visit per week, 10s. 6d.; two ditto, £1 1s.; assistance at operation, 10s. 6d.; per night, 5s.—We are, Sir, yours faithfully,

LORINA H. LIDDELL, President of S. A. H.
EMILY S. TURNER, Vice-President S. A. H.

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THE Marchioness of LONDONDERRY, whose active work in the development of District Nursing is beyond all praise, has addressed a letter to Miss BROWNLOW, Mountstewart, on the subject of a

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district nursing association for Newtownards. The subject of district nursing, her Ladyship says in the communication, is one in which she takes the deepest interest, having started four of such associations in England, and she could not help thinking that, if trained, Nurses would be of inestimable benefit for Newtownards. She continues:—"The amount of needless suffering that can be prevented by employing a skilled Nurse is incalculable. Such an association also forms a nucleus for other good work, such as work guilds, &c. I have already secured the approval of all the doctors and many kind friends, and trust that we may be able to procure the funds so as to enable us to start immediately. My idea is that an association should be formed of as many ministers as possible, on a strictly unsectarian and non-political basis, and that they, from amongst their number, should elect a small committee of management, every member subscribing £5 a year to be a member of the executive." Her Ladyship concludes by stating that she hopes to be at Mountstewart on the 22nd inst., and she would like to call a meeting in the Assembly Rooms, Newtownards, in furtherance of the scheme. She also refers to the success of a similar movement in Comber, where she presided at a meeting in Mrs. T. J. ANDREWS'S house for the purpose of starting a nursing association in that town, and £70 was subscribed.

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WHERE will science discover hidden horrors next? To most people the idea of Bank notes is about as far removed from danger—except that of their speedy expenditure—as anything could well be. Our English notes are proverbially crisp, and usually not very dirty, as their life is a very short one, and their circulation restricted to classes who wear gloves. But all who have travelled and know the paper money of Continental nations, or even the greenbacks of America, and the hideous state of dirt to which they become reduced will see no cause to doubt the statement recently made concerning some bacteriological examinations of bank notes by Drs. ACOSTA and ROSSI in Havana. They found the bills loaded with bacteria of all degrees of malignancy, in enormous numbers, estimated roughly at twenty thousand on each note. Cultures made from the scrapings from the notes, injected into the peritoneal cavity of rats and guinea pigs produced death in twenty-four hours, from various forms of acute blood poisoning.

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The last report of the Lady Dufferin Association for the Medical Relief of the Women of India,

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