

that Mr. HENRY C. BURDETT was well qualified to inform her how to do things at "somebody else's expense." I can only say that we never receive such inquiries from our readers.

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I AM sorry to learn of the death of Miss STAINS, of the Liverpool Royal Infirmary, after a long and lingering illness. She commenced her career as a Nurse in 1867, when she entered Herbert Hospital, Woolwich. In 1871, she went to St. Thomas's Hospital, London, and subsequently was appointed Matron of the Wolverhampton Hospital, and for the last eleven years she has held the post at which she died. The funeral took place at St. Albans, Herts, on the 3rd inst. She did much, I am told, to improve the Nursing of the Royal Infirmary, but was chiefly known to us as one of the most active opponents of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and therefore our opportunities of learning much of her work—concerning which I should have been glad if I could now have spoken—were necessarily limited. Because, in Hospitals where the Association is opposed, THE NURSING RECORD, as the one journal which supports its programme without fear or favour, is also, to a large extent, tabooed, and, consequently, we hear little or no news from our readers in those Institutions. It is a great pleasure to us to observe how rapidly this feeling is dying down in various parts of the country, as it is discovered how wise and laudable the objects of the Association are.

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I AM told that Christmas Day in the Lincoln County Hospital was kept for the patients on Monday, the 26th ult. The Nursing staff dined at 6 p.m., the Matron presiding at one end of the table and a late sister of Johnson Ward at the other. The patients were supplied at dinner with roast beef, plum-pudding and pheasants. The female patients were given a tea, each inmate being allowed to invite a friend, and were afterwards entertained by music and games. The male patients were supplied with tobacco and beer in the out-patient rooms, which they thoroughly appreciated. A tea was given the following day to the male patients of Clayton and Dixon Wards, each being allowed to invite a friend, after which followed music and recitations. A similar tea was held on Wednesday in the children's ward. A magic lantern, Christmas tree and games formed the entertainment for the poor suffering little ones. Great thanks is due to Sister RUSTON for the admirable manner in which the entertainment was arranged. Auld Lang Syne ended the festivities.

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I HAVE on various occasions noted the powerful support which the *Provincial Medical Journal* has given to the movement for Nursing reform. I am glad to see the following in this month's issue of our influential contemporary:—

"We have sided with the advocates of Registration for Nurses, and after reading the evidence and the statement of the counsel who represented the petitioners in favour of registration before the Privy Council, we are strengthened in our opinions that it would be to the advantage of the Nursing profession to have such a Register. A most patient hearing was given to both sides by the Lords in Council, and it is very evident, from the evidence and from the questions put, that the Marquis of Ripon had a full grasp of the subject, and that he had looked round the question. As the verdict has not yet been pronounced, we must reserve for another occasion fuller comments on the evidence."

S. G.

### Sick-Nursing in Denmark.

BY MRS GORDON NORRIE.

UNDER this head will be included: (1) Nursing in the patients' homes; (2) Nursing in Hospitals and Infirmarys; (3) Training of Nurses.

*Nursing in the homes.* This is partly in the hands of Nurses trained and employed by some Nursing Association, partly of private Nurses who have been trained at some Hospital. Some of these latter have joined together and formed Associations, with an office in common. In these Associations the Nurses must have had a training of at least 3 years. Besides these, there are the Deaconesses' Institution, and the Red Cross Society; but these institutions are mentioned elsewhere. A Nurse's fee is from 3—5 kroner per diem (about 23s. to 39s. a week). In the majority of urban parishes, Nurses are engaged by Parochial Nursing Associations (*Menighedsplejeforeninger*) to nurse the sick poor gratuitously in their homes. These Associations work in the same way as the English "Metropolitan and National Nursing Association for Providing Trained Nurses for the Sick Poor." As a rule trained Nurses are employed, but one of the Associations, the District Nursing Association in Christianshavn and Amager (*Distriktssygeplejeforeningen for Christianshavn og Amager*) trains its own Nurses. This Association has a Nurse's Home in the suburb of Christianshavn; women entering here as probationers receive full board, &c., besides 120 kroner (about £6 10s.) per annum; when superannuated, overworked, or invalided, they receive board and lodging at the Home.

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