

punity by human beings. This statement is based on numerous experiments. Salad eaters may, then, on the condition of employing a large proportion of vinegar in the preparation of the dressing, consume their favourite dish without fear of absorbing the dreaded bacillus.

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THE *Correio Medico de Lisboa* states, that an ordinance has been passed by the Portuguese Government, without consultation with the hospital authorities, replacing the lay Nurses in all "national" hospitals by Sisters of Charity. Both the medical and the administrative members of the hospital staff are said to be opposed to the proposed change, and all those who had to work under and with such so-called Nurses, will, for the sake of Portuguese Nursing, hope that the present ordinance will speedily be cancelled.

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THERE will probably be a large gathering to-morrow (Friday) night at 20, Hanover Square, to hear Miss ANNESLEY KENEALY read her paper before the the Royal British Nurses' Association, on the "Nursing of Cholera." My readers will remember how Miss KENEALY and her sister, went out last year as volunteer Nurses to Hamburg at the time the cholera was raging there, and her practical experiences of the care of patients stricken by the disease, will be of invaluable assistance to Nurses should this country be similarly afflicted. And it must be remembered that all our best sanitary authorities are anticipating that, in accordance with the history of previous epidemics, there will be a recrudescence of cholera in a virulent form during the coming spring and summer. To be forewarned is to be forearmed, and thanks to the wise foresight of Her Royal Highness Princess CHRISTIAN, there is now a well organised band of Nurses ready to go at a moment's notice wherever their services are required, and so in all human probability, an incalculable public benefit will be thus rendered. I am requested to state that, in view of the momentous importance of the matter, the Royal British Nurses' Association will welcome all Nurses whether members or not, to hear the Lecture to-morrow evening, and I doubt not that a large number will gratefully avail themselves of the invitation. It will commence punctually at 8 o'clock.

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A KIND correspondent writes to me from Budapest as follows:—"Can you find space in your very interesting paper for the following instance of

'First aid to the injured' in Hungary? The other day, in one of the most fashionable thoroughfares of Pest, the Andrassy-ut, an old man slipped on the frozen pavement, and lay, unable to rise, surrounded by the usual 'instantaneous crowd,' conjured up on such occasions, here as elsewhere. A carriage was passing at this moment. It stopped, and a handsome young officer alighted and made his way through the knot of bystanders. Promptly and tenderly the old man was removed to the carriage, the servants receiving orders to take him home. The officer continued his way on foot, followed by enthusiastic shouts of '*Eljen! Eljen!*' ('Three cheers'; literally, 'Live, live!') It was the Archduke Eugén."

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A VALUED correspondent sends me an account of a very pleasant evening spent by the patients and nurses of the Throat Hospital, Golden Square. An excellent concert was organized by the Rev. Mr. LUSHINGTON, and given in the Children's Ward, last Thursday. Amongst the artistes who kindly contributed their services was Mr. WILLIAM NICHOLL, the well-known tenor, whose charming style elicited most hearty applause, and who treated the hospital patients to no less than four songs. The ward, tastefully decorated as it was with flags and flowers, was rendered the more bright by the presence of the little patients, who evidently took the greatest interest throughout in all that was going on around them. Much praise is due to Miss MACKAY, the Sister in charge, for the assiduous care with which she looked after the comfort of all those present. After "God Save the Queen" had been sung, a vote of thanks to the Rev. Mr. LUSHINGTON, and the ladies and gentlemen who had assisted him, brought the entertainment to a close.

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THE Earl of DUDLEY presided last Friday night at a dinner at the Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole, in connection with the Sick and Nursing Fund of the St. Pancras Almshouses. With sixty-five aged people, all over sixty years of age and some over eighty, a Nurse has proved a necessity, and the dinner last night was to provide a fund which, when invested, would produce an income of £80 a year, and thus relieve the committee of the almshouses from any anxiety in this respect. Among those present were the Countess of Dudley, the Duchess of Bedford, Lord Lamington, Sir J. Blundell Maple, Mr. R. G. Webster, M.P., Mr. H. Graham, M.P., and Mr. H. Bolton, M.P.

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