

service" (as if, when *well done*, domestic service is not as honourable as any other work), if she dresses herself in the uniform of the professional Nurse, and thus poses as having knowledge which she does not possess—which degrades her into a sham and a delusion. Such vulgar folly should be at once discouraged by the Principal of the Norland Institute, who is the originator of the scheme of educating gentlewomen to fit them to be nursery superintendents. I cannot imagine work more womanly and more honourable in itself than the care of little children—when not under a mother's eye—whether undertaken by the gentlewoman or others, and the duties are far too onerous and the responsibilities too vast to require any additional prestige from *garments*.

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A CORRESPONDENT writes *re* the above subject:—"I was shocked quite lately by seeing the parlour-maid of an eminent west-end surgeon decked out in the uniform of Hospital Sister of the Institution to which he belongs. This appeared to me execrable taste."

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THE *Southampton Times* last week inserted the following letter from a late patient in the Royal South Hants Infirmary. Anything which will conduce to public confidence in our Hospital system, which on the whole is admirable, should be widely spread abroad, as the conduct of the London Hospital Committee, in attempting again to hush up the scandals in connection with their Nursing Department has been once more a rude shock to the benevolent:—

"THE ROYAL HANTS INFIRMARY.

To the Editor.

SIR,—Having recently undergone treatment at this excellent Institution, I write to you with a view to bearing testimony to the kindness and care bestowed on me and the other patients treated in the same ward in which I was located. The Sisters and Nurses, with all the thoughtfulness characteristic of them, were ever about us, ministering to our wants, and softening with their gentle words and smiling faces the pain which our various afflictions caused. The patience they manifested, sometimes under very trying circumstances, was simply wonderful, and I cannot help referring especially to this one thing. With regard to the diet I was thoroughly satisfied. I was placed on the house diet, but others received such food as their necessities required. The medical gentlemen were exceedingly kind and attentive, and before retiring to rest always paid us a visit, also the Matron with her smiling face, in addition to which another Sister sat in the ward all night, while a Sister came in to dress the wounds of those who needed it. So you see, Sir, everything was done to make us happy and comfortable. Those, therefore, who seek the help of this Institution may rely on being treated in a manner that cannot fail to earn their praise and gratitude.—I am, yours faithfully,

Southampton, August 1st., 1893.

J. W."

The "NURSING RECORD" has a Larger Sale than any other Journal devoted solely to Nursing Work.

THE National Health Society have lately published a most sensible and serviceable penny pamphlet, entitled "A Working Woman's Day." The authoress, Miss FLORENCE STACPOOLE, has had great experience in work amongst the lower classes, both as a lecturer of the Society and in other ways, and the advice contained in her amusingly written little book cannot fail to be of the greatest use for the class for whom it is written. We strongly recommend it to District Visitors and all parish workers.

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A KIND correspondent writes:—"I have much pleasure in informing you that Miss HARRIET GREEN has been appointed Matron of the Children's Hospital, Bradford. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, and received her certificate in 1888. In 1889, she went to the Children's Hospital, Glasgow, as Sister; after 2 years she was appointed Assistant Matron in the same Hospital. She then became Matron of the Trinity Convalescent Home, Eaglesham, in connection with the above Hospital, and she only resigns her post there to take up the larger work at Bradford. She has always been universally loved and respected wherever she has been. She is a member of the R.B.N.A., and was registered in 1890."

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AN allowance, which will be much appreciated, is thus announced in the *Madras Times*:—"Considering that the Indian Nursing Service was organised for duties connected with Hospitals of the British Army, and that it forms an integral part of the Military Medical Service, the Government of India has been pleased to sanction the grant of a monthly allowance of Rs.30 for the up-keep of a charger, as at present allowed to military officers, to each lady of the Indian Nursing Service for such time as she may be employed on field service, provided that she maintains a horse or pony during such period. Sanction has also been accorded to the grant of free conveyance of the horse or pony to and from field service."

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A correspondence has been going on in the Liverpool papers upon the overworking of Hospital Nurses, which has come to no definite conclusion. I feel quite sure that if the present Matron of the Royal Infirmary is permitted to re-organize that Institution in accordance with modern methods, the hardships, which formerly were suffered by the Nurses there, would soon become things of the past.

S. G.

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