

dinner, which I received with my usual imperturbable demeanour, noticing with some surprise and a little disdain their excited gestures as they crowded round me to see how I should enjoy it. However, my gratitude was very real; indeed, I felt quite touched by their kind thought of me, and I showed my gratitude by finishing it as quickly as possible, to show how much I enjoyed it. Yet, what is the pleasure of eating even the daintiest chicken compared with the thought of helping one's fellow-creatures? The cause of my sick children and the £2,000 of debt that I have to clear off for them lies very heavily on my heart.

Will you help me by giving your readers a little account of my birthday concert, and asking each of them to collect a shilling for my sick children, and send it to me as my Christmas Present. How I shall love them if they will do this for me!—and who shall say that a dog's love is worth nothing? Yours, LEO."

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THE Scottish Branch of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses is a most active body, and is rapidly spreading the excellent work of nursing the sick poor at home, all over the country. Speaking with a high official of the branch at the late Conference of Women Workers in Glasgow, we were glad to learn that the training of Nurses is constantly progressing, so that altogether a term of two and a half years is now considered necessary for a Queen's Nurse in Scotland—"and they could do with more," our informant remarked.

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AT the Annual Meeting of the local branch at Inverness, lately held, it was announced that Mrs. MACKINTOSH, of Raigmore, had been elected President, in place of the late Lady FRANCES BAILLIE, of Dochfour, whose loss was generally deplored. The work of the Nurses showed satisfactory progress throughout the year, and the Nurses themselves came in for high commendation.

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THE yearly report of the Selkirk branch states that during the past year 89 patients were nursed, and 3,165 visits paid. The income for the year was £235, and the expenditure £130—leaving a balance of £105. Mrs. T. CRAIG-BROWN was re-elected President; Mrs. JOHN LAWSON and Mrs. THOMAS, Vice-Presidents; and Mrs. ANDERSON HAWTHORN BANK, Secretary.

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A GOOD deal of comment has been raised by the fact of the decision of the County Magistrates of the Isle of Wight, who have from time immemorial met in the Guildhall at Newport, to follow the example of the County Council and make their headquarters at Ryde, for the next six months, "on account of the prevailing epidemic of typhoid at the County town." The effect has been very prejudicial to the tradesmen of the town, and a mild kind of panic has resulted. The Saturday market is almost deserted, and the better class residents of the town have been for some time emigrating to

the seaside places all round Newport. The exodus began some three weeks since, and is continuing and increasing since the flight of the County Council and the whole body of County Magistrates.

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One of these gentlemen, a retired officer, who has been decorated for gallant services in the field, had occasion to drive through the town of Newport, one day last week, much to his discomfort. However, the danger had to be faced, and he determined to overcome the difficulty by every possible hygienic precaution. As his brougham came within the Borough boundaries, he was observed to draw up both the windows of the carriage and forthwith to light *two* pipes at both of which he puffed simultaneously and vigorously, while his coachman whipped up the horses and urged them at full speed so as to cover the dangerous ground as quickly as possible.

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Nurses are busy in the town, and may be seen at all hours of the day and night hurrying to and fro from case to case. Much admiration has been expressed at the conduct of the private Nurses, many of whom have reduced their regular fees so as to meet the means of some of the middle class and poorer people who find the regulation two and two-and-a-half guineas too large a strain on their resources.

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MISS ANNESLEY KENEALY'S lectures at Newport on "Health and Sanitation" have been splendidly attended. The Guildhall has on each occasion been crowded by townfolk eager to learn as much as possible on the subject of Drainage, Pure Water Supply, and the Nursing of Typhoid Fever.

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The *Isle of Wight Express* says:—

"Miss Kenealy's Health Lectures are well attended and very instructive. Her lecture on Tuesday, on Nursing, ought to have been given in the Drill Hall, to a full gathering. Her practical hints will never be forgotten by those who were privileged to hear her. Her answers to the question as to pigs being kept in our midst, ought to stir up our Authorities. We must never again have it said that, while our Council slumbered and slept, people were being smitten down in our midst.

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Drain pipes! Drain pipes! Even on the Bench at the Guildhall! Drain pipes were actually to be seen displayed during the week on the Bench at the Guildhall, and Miss Kenealy fairly revelled in her subject, when she was using them to illustrate her subject on drainage and public nuisances. I am glad a resolution was passed unanimously to ask the County Council through Professor Culance for a continuation of the very able Lectures on Health by the talented Lecturer."

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The *British Medical Journal* has commented on the appointment by the Newport Town Council of some four Sanitary Officers to make a house-to-

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