

cular to which we allude, would do wisely to ignore it, as Trained Nurses, in 1887, ignored Mr. Burdett's previous invitation.

A SCOTTISH correspondent writes:—

"In passing through the beautiful wards of the Edinburgh Infirmary one is struck with the fact that each and every ward has its own piano. The land of the Scot is not famous for its musical powers, and most people would have expected, if any musical instrument would be found in the wards of its finest hospital, that it would assuredly be the bag-pipes! It is very pleasant to hear how the students are ever ready to come up and give a Scotch 'sang' or two,' or to play the 'tune of the Highland fling,' and it is almost needless to say that these impromptu concerts are a great delight to the patients. On the 'Sabbath' too the pianos are turned to valuable use in short services of song, which must be more grateful to staff and patients alike than the somewhat droning dreary ward services, without even a hymn, which are the rule in most of the English hospitals.

"Truly the men at the Infirmary have no cause to complain that the luxury of the 'weed' is denied them during their illness. Three times a day—morning, afternoon and evening—they are allowed, when in the hospital, to produce their pipes and puff away to their hearts' content. An interdict has sometimes to be laid on special patients when the nature of the case makes it inadvisable to smoke; and then they must, perforce, enjoy their pleasure by proxy, and look on while others indulge in the delight whose joy is so mysterious to the average woman.

"'When the gas is alight and the men are smoking in the evenings the atmosphere is intolerable,' said one of the Nurses, adding, 'that is why we all like the female side best.' And then, nurse-like, she went on to say, 'But of course we do not look at it from one point of view. The men enjoy it so.'

"Over each bed is a gas bracket—an invaluable boon to doctors and Nurses in making examinations and applying dressings. But this amount of gas is not allowed to interfere with the ventilation of the wards, because over each of these single burners is placed a bell tube which is in connection with an air shaft, so that

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the products of combustion are at once carried off and away from the patients and the wards.

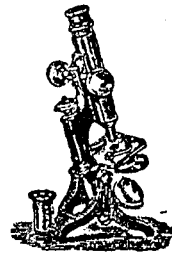
"'We are told that the Nurses' rooms are gran' and bonny,' said a student, 'but that is a Paradise we are not allowed to enter. Eh! but we are well looked after here' and have to behave ourselves fine'—this latter with somewhat of a wistful sigh, as suggesting the loss of charming possibilities."

WE regret to announce the death of Mrs. Stubbs, *née* Hounsham, a fellow Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, which lately took place at Barkly West, Cape Colony, after a painful illness. In the Kimberley paper we read:

"The late Mrs. Stubbs had wide experience as a trained Nurse, and she was thus enabled to assist her husband in manifold capacities in the course of his professional work. In addition to this, her sweet disposition and sympathetic nature rendered her at all times a welcome visitor to the sick and the suffering; and there are many people in Barkly West and district, as well as in more distant parts, who will remember with gratitude her tender ministrations and her winning, gentle watchfulness beside the sick-bed."

Medical Matters.

PERMANENT LOCKJAW.



A CURIOUS case was recently reported in which a boy who had suffered from scarlet fever and then from diphtheria, with a subsequent attack of discharge from both ears, when he was two years of age, was soon after noticed to be unable to open his mouth properly, and during the next year the jaw became perfectly fixed. He came under treatment when he was ten years old, and was then found to present a peculiar bird-like appearance of the face due to the fact that the lower jaw had atrophied, probably from disuse, and that there was, therefore, an almost complete absence of any chin. The molar teeth were firmly fixed together, but there was a space between the lower and the upper incisors through which the child was able to feed himself. An operation was, therefore, performed and the joint on each side was cut down upon. It was found necessary to extirpate the coronoid process on the left side and to saw through a bony bridge which had firmly ankylosed the jaw on the right side. After the operation the boy recovered complete power of opening the mouth and was able to chew both

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