

Dr. W. J. C. Keats with a dressing-table, set in silver and tortoiseshell. The Nurses of the female side of the workhouse accompanied the gift with a handsome brass inkstand.

MUCH regret has been felt in Malta at the death of a Nursing Sister, "Sister May Stanislaus," of the Little Company of Mary.

THE Guardians have petitioned the Local Government Board to certify the Hull Workhouse Hospital as a training school for probationers.

It is evident that many are called and few are fit, if it be true that over 2,000 applications were received last year from candidates desirous of entering a London Training School, and that out of that number only 120 are now nursing satisfactorily. The process of weeding out the unfit and unteachable constitutes the hardest part of the work assigned to Matrons and Sisters.

THIRTY additional beds for Nurses are to be provided at the Royal Portsmouth, Portsea and Gosport Hospital owing to the increasing demand for Nurses for private work, from this Institution.

A CURIOUS advertisement appeared a day or two ago in a fashionable daily.

WANTED, a LADY, Church of England, who is a trained Nurse and thoroughly understands gardening; good salary and house found.

The qualifications required are somewhat of a Chinese puzzle, and we were almost tempted, out of curiosity, to apply for the post, although our knowledge of gardening is purely theoretical. A technical training in root-crops, the best soils for marrows, and the methods of pruning fruit trees, is not generally acquired in Hospital wards, and it is difficult to see how the combination could be utilised. Why not reverse the order and advertise for a gardener with a knowledge of Nursing?

THE *Cambridge Independent Press* says:—

"If proof were needed of the valuable work the Technical Educational Department of our County Council has been doing, two circumstances which were brought recently to our notice would provide it. During harvest operations in a village hard by Cambridge a man had the misfortune to cut his foot very severely, and in another village about the same time a man fell and broke his leg. In both these cases pupils who had attended Miss Annesley Kenealy's 'First Aid' Classes were at hand and dressed the wounds. When professional aid arrived it was found that the attention given by the amateurs was precisely what was needed, and that much suffering, and possibly life itself, had been saved."

A GOOD many District Nurses have written to us of late complaining of the rowdy treatment to which they are subject in the streets—especially of some of the manufacturing towns. The recent conviction of a young man at Blackburn for annoying Hospital Nurses will, it is to be hoped, lead to further punishments for so contemptible an offence. It is intolerable that Nurses, to whom the whole community owes something, should be subjected to such treatment. A District Nurse in the northern part of Worcester has lately gone through some very unpleasant experiences, especially in the evening. One of the first steps taken by women when they take their proper places in civic life will be to ensure the freedom from insult of any woman whose occupation takes her out in the evenings. But we feel sure that Hospital Nurses will receive the double protection their mode of life calls for. It is noticeable that the rudeness complained of does not come from the working-man, but from the objectionable class known as the "swell-mob."

WE constantly see in grocers' shops the statement that numerous articles of value are given away with a "pound of tea." But it remained to an enterprising grocer of Liverpool to originate the scheme of providing medical advice to those who invested in his Bohea. And the terms are low. It would appear from the circular of this original grocer "that should you at any time be in need of a doctor, we will provide you with such entirely free of charge. All we ask in return for this is for you to take not less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. of our famous tea every week. Several of our customers have already received medical aid, and they express themselves to be perfectly satisfied." We wonder if it has occurred to "Messrs. Bryan, grocers," to extend the scheme and furnish trained Nursing if sugar be included in the purchase! There is one restriction. "Customers not taking their tea for two weeks in succession will forfeit all right to the services of our medical officer." The names, addresses, and qualifications of the local men who are willing to act as the "prizes" or "bonuses" of the  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. packets of tea are printed on the back of the card issued to advertise the system—and the tea.

A NIGHT Nurse, a qualified midwife, is to be appointed at the Carlow Workhouse Infirmary, so as to in some measure settle the question of the untrained Nurse difficulty, but it is rather

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